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May Settle Rail Question This Year

A Report From England And Ireland

By REV. J. E. McGRANE

MANCHESTER, England. — No doubt you will have read or heard of the poor weather conditions on this side of the Atlantic, but as far as I am concerned, except for the intense fog, it has not been so bad. I felt the cold more inside of the buildings than out on the streets as at least in western Canada we are used to warm buildings. When I first arrived, after a few days in Liverpool, I went to Alberta House, London where I was the guest of Mr. R. A. McMullen, and this place was really nice and warm as it is kept to Alberta standards of heat. The last time I was here was with the Sea Cadets and it was nice to be back and renew old acquaintances, although the atmosphere was somewhat saddened by the death just a few months ago of Mrs. McMullen, wife of the Agent General of Alberta. However, Mr. McMullen had expected me as he had been informed by the Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta that I would be coming to England. His Honor had a few weeks previously flown to Brussels for the World's Fair and enroute back to Alberta stopped in at Alberta House. After a very pleasant stay in London I moved north to Manchester to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends and during this time I stayed at the Franciscan Monastery in Gorton. This was the scene of my youth & from then on it seemed as if time had been turned back forty years and the TV program "This Is Your Life"

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REV. FATHER McGRANE of Lac la Biche is overseas and at present is on a trip to Rome, Italy, from England. His address while in the Old Country, including Europe, is c/o the Friary, Gorton, Manchester, England.

Win High Scores In Cribbage Games

PLAMONDON — Out of a total of 2197 cribbage games played during the recent series, Philip Lemay scored 721 in 95 games. Ephrem Cote scored 779 in 121 games.

This is an event of every winter.

Minnows Tamper With Check Valve

LAC LA BICHE — One morning last week town residents found the pressure in the water taps was very low and water had slowed to a trickle. As the temperature was well below zero. many feared that their service lines had begun to freeze, not realizing that the same condition prevailed throughout the whole town.

When town foreman Hervey Marchildon made his usual inspection of the pumping equipment it was found that two small minnows had found their way into a check valve in the system with the result that no water was being pumped to the water tower. The trouble was soon rectified and no serious inconvenience was experienced.

No reports of frozen lines have been received by the town yet this winter, although when such troubles do occur it is usually later in the winter, according to the town foreman.

Burning Home Saved With Neighbors' Help

PLAMONDON — The home of Mrs. and Mrs. Philip Lemay could have been another fire casualty had it not been for the quick response of nearby neighbors last week when Mrs. Lemay noticed an over-heated stovepipe and a chimney fire in the attic of her home.

The next-door neighbors responded at once to her call for help and the damage was only slight. Mrs. Lemay expressed her sincere thanks to all those who so readily helped.

Local Boy Loses Finger In Buzz Saw

PLAMONDON — Young Jerry Shank lost his index finger on the right hand in the buzz saw while helping his father cut slabs.

Terry was taken to the hospital for medical attention.

Date to Remember

The Students' Union annual Mardi Gras will be held Feb. 6 in the Memorial Hall.

Contestants for the Carnival Queen this year are Miss Leona Rosa, sponsored by the Students' Union, and Jeannie Kupchenko, sponsored by the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church.

A door prize of men's and ladies' wrist watches will be given.

Town Office Releases Figures For Building Permits In Lac la Biche

LAC LA BICHE — Total amount of building permits issued from the town office for 1958 were less than in the previous year according to figures released from the town office. The 1957 total was $388,-300.00, while the 1958 figure was $233,900.00 More single dwellings were constructed in 1957 than in 1958.

The gymnasium and additional classrooms built by the Lac la Biche School Division were responsible for some of the larger figures for 1957. However, the 1958 total included some worthwhile additions to the town, both in the way of modern homes and business places. Already there are signs that 1959 will see a continuation of the trend toward replacing the older buildings with modern structures. With the completion of water and sewer extensions to the old town, it is expected that a number of new homes will spring up in that area this year.

ARRIVING IN Ottawa after his 35,000-mile world tour, Prime Minister Diefenbaker is given a hearty welcome by members of his cabinet. His tour was shortened by a few days when his mother suffered a stroke in Saskatoon and he flew from New Zealand to be at her side. Left to right: Mines Minister Paul Comtois, Works Minister Howard Green, Veterans' Affairs Minister A. J. Brooks and Mr. Diefenbaker.

Speech From Throne Hints Government Will Spend $65,000,000 On North Route

The question of a route for the railway to Pine Point on the south shore of Great Slave Lake may be settled this year, it was hinted in the recent throne speech. The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways which are to build the line with federal aid are reported to favor a route from Waterways in Northeastern Alberta.

However, Northwestern Alberta and Peace River groups have pressed strongly for starting the line at Grimshaw in the Peace River region.

The throne speech hinted that money will be sought to continue current development projects and initiate new ones.

Under the territorial roads program, a highway now is being built around the west end of Great Slave Lake to Yellowknife and another is planned from Yellowknife to Sawmill Bay on the east shore of Great Bear Lake. Eventually this road is to be extended north of Coppermine on the Arctic coast.

In the Yukon, a road is planned from Flat Creek near Dawson to Fort McPherson, almost 100 miles inside the Arctic Circle and only a few miles west of the Mackenzie River. From there it later is to go to the Arctic coast.

The present program includes spending $100,000,000 in seven years for development roads in the Northwest Territories, a 65,000,000 railway into the Great Slave Lake area and a total of $7,500,000 over five years for each province matching the federal government contributions for roads to resources.

Aerial surveys to locate minerals in Northern Ontario and Manitoba and the Keewatin district of the Northwest Territories will be a next step in the federal government's northern development program.

Rev. H. Werner To Be Guest Speaker

LAC LA BICHE — Rev. Henry Werner, deputational secretary for the West Indies Mission will be guest speaker at the Evangical Free Church, Lac la Biche, Feb. 1. A dynamic preacher, who speaks six languages fluently, Mr. Werner has spent many years in South America and the West Indies. He will be showing slides of the work in the West Indies.

Full Report On Dairymen's Meeting

Alberta Country Life this week contains a page of news on the dairymen's convention held in Calgary last week. The dairy farmers of Canada met to discuss the various phases of this very important industry in sessions which saw some trade members urge a temporary "no expansion" program be adopted. For full details see Country Life, the Alberta farm supplement serving an audience of 100,000.

Rich Lake Dance

RICH LAKE — The Rich Lake Students' Union held a dance at the school on Jan. 16. The proceeds will be used Jan. 24 for a trip to the Ice Capades by Grades 10 and 11.

Rich Lake

Mrs. Jennie Tikkanen is in Edmonton visiting her daughter Joan Koinveneva and family.

John Honka has been in St. Catherine's hospital, Lac la Biche, for the past week.

Athabasca Tar Sands Oil Subject Of Conversation With Government

A meeting between representatives of Richfield Oil Company and federal government officials may be an important first step toward the use of a nuclear blast to open up the oil-rich tar sands in northern Alberta.

The object of the meeting will be to establish a "feasibility committee" to study Richfield's proposals to use an atomic explosion on the two-million acres of tar sands the company has leased.

Mines branch director John Convey said the committee will probably include officials of his department, Richfield, Atomic Energy of Canada, the United States Atomic Energy Commission and the Alberta Conservation Board.

He said "the plan is to have the committee study the matter for two years. Then the cabinet will take a second look to see if it's still interested."

The idea of using an atomic blast to loose the oil from the sands— often referred to as one of the world's richest oil reserves —first came to light about a year ago. At that time doubts were expressed that the plan could be carried out without either setting off an underground fire or contaminating the oil.

Convey said "recent developments in nuclear tests in the United States have given us new hope. I would say that the use of nuclear explosions in such mining projects is defenitely a future possibility."

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Wandering River—Miss Jeannette Strayski

Wandering River

Many district farmers are now enjoying the pleasure of electricity in their homes.

Curling leagues were formed recently and curling will soon start in the Wandering River Curling Rink.

Mr. and Mrs. Strayski and Frank Roskewich recently attended a birthday party held in honor of Mrs. Mary Ilnicki in Blue Jay.

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A Report From England And Ireland

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could not have done a better job than I did in the ensuing weeks. I visited the old school, old haunts, old friends and I have already written about the experience at the coastguard station at Sizewell.

Christmas is very much Christmas in England. Or perhaps I should say even more so. They had the usual decorations in the shops, the carol singers in the streets and public squares and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the different local bands played the traditional music in the streets. One thing I noticed this time, however, was the number of Cribs depicting the Nativity scene. These were erected in profusion and the campaign to "Put Christ Back in Christmas" had borne fruit. The and life-sized ones were erected in cribs were in many shop windows the public places. The only thing I missed was the snow as we did not have a "white Christmas" over here. The highlight of the event for me of course was the midnight mass at the monastery church of St. Francis. The Franciscans are famous for their cribs and it must be borne in mind that it was St. Francis, the founder of the order who originated this representation of the Nativity scene. The church itself, a pure gothic structure is one of the most magnificent in England and the high altar, carved in marble almost defies description, it is so beautiful that it must be seen to be appreciated.

Modern floodlighting has been employed to enhance the beauty of this great edifice. A public address system has also been installed. The choir for the midnight mass was under the direction of Rev. Fr. Alexis, OFM and the organist, a former school mate of mine, is Mr. Joseph Hughes. The mass was celebrated by V. Rev. Fr. Martin, OFM, the Guardian, or Superior of the Friary, assisted by two of the Friars as Deacon and Sub-Deacon. It was most devotional and brought back many memories to me as in the past I used to attend with my parents, both of whom have since passed away. On Christmas morning I celebrated the 10 o'clock mass and in the afternoon I visited my aunt, Miss Clare Brett, the only remaining member of my mother's family. At present she lives with her two nieces, the Misses Mary and Margaret Brett who are teachers in St. Frances school here. Later in the day I visited old friends namely the Buller family. One of them, Mr. Frank Buller, now retired, was at one time foreman at my father's printing establishment. By the way, one of the Franciscan fathers, Fr. Theodore, was another school mate of mine. Another is Dr. R. Keirnan, DDS, as also was his wife, Gertrude, and of course I visited them. Amongst the others I visited was Mr. J. W. Curtis, a former schoolmaster at the Sacred Heart school in this district. This was indeed a great pleasure as Mr. Curtis is still hale and hearty in spite of his ninety years.

During all this I did not lose touch with Canada because through the medium of amateur radio I was able to talk back to Canada and send and get messages from home. This was done both from London and Manchester and the Alberta contact was Mr. Jack Brown, VE5BF who lives on a farm a couple of miles east of Lloydminster, Sask. After this visit in England I went to spend the New Year holidays with my father's relatives in Ireland and also visited his grave in County Down and saw more radio amateurs with whom I had been in contact through my own station in Lac la Biche.

In Ireland I made my headquarters at the home of my uncle and his family, Mr. Thomas Cox, Sr. of 29 Leahy's Terrace, Dublin. Mr. Cox married my father's sister, Catherine and as she passed away a number of years ago, my uncle is now living with his son, Tom, Jr. but in the old family home. Things have changed here since I last visited them in 1951. I had not written too much in the meantime and this time when I arrived I was greeted by a house full of people. Young Tommy, married to Helen Frame had really started to raise a family and I found that they now have five boys and one girl, and frankly they are really nice children, although once in a while when Helen got after them for raising a rumpus she said she did not know whether or not she should get after the children, or me, as she said that at times it looked as if I was the worst of the lot.

We all had a wonderful time in Dublin. This is the first time since I was very young that we had spent the holidays together and so after the stroke of midnight, following an old Irish custom, a friend and neighbor, Charlie Henderson knocked on the door and brought some article into the house, the family group all knelt down and received my blessing after which the festivities continued. Not like me, the Cox's are a musical family. Tom, Jr. has performed often for Radio Eireann, and even my uncle, in spite of almost eighty years still has a very good voice. I was not left out altogether for I have quite a few stories in my repertoire and the odd bit of magic comes in handy. Even in winter the fields of Ireland are still green and Dublin is a great city. One thing I noticed that we do not see in Canada was certain establishments with the business sign "Turf Accountant" on the outside. If you do not know what they are you can ask me when I get back. Being in Dublin gave me the opportunity of visiting a Mrs. Walshe in Pearse Square. She is mother of Dorria Walshe and Mrs. Phyllis Huppie of Lac la Biche. I also visited another cousin of mine, Masie Walford, nee Cox, a daughter of my uncle, above mentioned. Her husband Charlie arranged for transportation and taking advantage of a very bright day we visited many points of interest around Dublin such as the famous site of the seven churches and round tower, Glendalough. We also visited the "Meeting of the Waters" at the Vale of Avoca made famous by the Irish poet Thomas Moore.

The next part of the visit of Ireland comprised a circular tour of practically the whole island. The object of this was to visit, as well as my father's grave in Co. Down, as already mentioned, some of the Irish radio amateurs whom I knew and had talked to from Lac la Biche.

At first I went to the city of Cork and visited Fr. M. Kelly, EI3J. Fr. Kelly had transportation and I stayed overnight with him and was able to visit around that district. I also was in Blarney and Kinsale. Then the following day I left for Ballina in County Mayo and so made a long run towards the northeast of Ireland seeing the famous River Shannon and Galway Bay. I had a very nice time in Ballina and spent the weekend there the guest of Ian Clarke, EI3Y and this gave me the opportunity to visit another radio amateur in the same town, Jim Browne, EI7M of the Munster and Leinster Bank. Then I went across the country to Belfast, this was to make the connection to Co. Down, and after spending the night at Leitrim came back to Dublin, and there I got a great surprise. When I arrived back at 29 Leahy's Terrace and was ushered into the parlor I found Mrs. Kathleen Mellor standing there, she by the way is another daughter of my Uncle Tom and of course my first cousin . . . but she is a nurse and was working in a Chicago hospital! Well what happened is that Kathleen got a notion to fly home during the holidays. She did not tell her folks until she sent them a wire from Shannon Airport when she landed that morning, and she did not know that I was in Dublin either, so believe me it was a great surprise all round. Then I met another radio amateur in Dublin, Fr. J. Stone, E14Q. I had already met Harry Wilson, E12W as I had many contacts with him. Fr. Stone has quite a good station and on one afternoon I was able to chat back and forth to Canada, all the way from Montreal to Edmonton for about two hours. One of the contacts was with VE5QC of Saskatoon and through this station and the telephone I was able to talk direct to my sister in that city. But my visit to the Emerald Isle and my relatives and friends there was drawing to a close. I had already promised to give a talk to the Bury branch of the Radio Society of Great Britain and so reluctantly I had to leave. I had a wonderful visit, every minute of it, and so I came back to England, fulfilled my commitment at Bury and soon will be leaving for continental Europe where the next "despatch" will come from.

Lac la Biche School Division No. 51

NOTICE OF

ANNUAL MEETINGS

For All Sub-Divisions

TAKE NOTICE that annual meetings of electors of all Subdivisions of this School Division will be held as indicated below:

Sub-Div. No. 1—
Plamondon School, 13th Feb., 1959, 2:00 p.m.

Sub-Div. No. 2—
Hylo School, 12th Feb., 1959, 2:00 p.m.

Sub-Div. No. 3—
Dr. Swift School, Lac la Biche, 14th Feb., 1959, 2:00 p.m.

W. J. CHESTER, Secretary-Treasurer of the Lac la Biche School Division No. 51, Lac la Biche, Alberta.

Progressive Conservative Association

GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association of the Lac la Biche Constituency, will be held in the Mason's Hall, Lac la Biche, at 8 p.m. on

THURSDAY, February 5th, 1959.

Important Business will be discussed at this meeting.
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Natural Resources Meet Told Much Unsettled Land Available In Peace

The abundance of land available for settlement in the Peace River country was stressed at the first annual Alberta Resources conference held in Edmonton last week.

The meeting was designed to shed light on the character, amount and condition of Alberta's renewable natural resources and was sponsored by the provincial lands and forests department.

A. Paul, supervisor of land classification for the department, said there is an estimated 2,025,000 acres available for settlement in the Peace River district, but added that nearly all of this land required breaking and the removal of tree and brush cover.

He said that only 370,000 acres are available in central Alberta under homestead lease and sale regulations.

PREMIER SPEAKS

Premier Manning was the guest speaker at the noon luncheon and spoke on the conservation aspects of the province's resources.

He said it was a popular, but dangerous theory that the natural beauty and wildlife of this country is not only for the enjoyment of the current generation.

"We must never lose sight of the fact that we are only the custodians of these bountiful resources for the future generations," said Mr. Manning.

"Alberta has irreplaceable resources such as oil, coal and minerals," added the premier, "and when we deal with these, we should do so with the idea of ensuring the absolute maximum of recovery and the absolute minimum of waste.

"Other invaluable products, such as land, forests and fish and game, must be preserved to the best of our ability. Intelligence and proper handling will maintain their fertility, despite the increasingly heavy demands.

"We just need to use a little common sense and protection to maintain their natural reproduction indefinitely," he concluded.

Atmore

Mrs. Edmund LeRouzic underwent surgery last week at the Lac la Biche Hospital.

Stanley Ballard was a business visitor to Thorhild last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Isaac (nee Elizabeth Ballard) are proud parents of a daughter, Katherine Patricia.

Jack Campbell was home from the bush last weekend.

Joyce Schweitzer spent the weekend at the William Campbell home.

The Canasta Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. McKie, Jan. 17. One of the Calgary Power boys took first prize and consolation went to Mrs. A. Stanchfield.

Mrs. William Heatherington, David, Peggy and Patricia each took second prize in the curling bonspiel held in Grassland Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

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Hospital Notes

Patients in St. Catherine's hospital, Lac la Biche: Mrs. Mary Ann Lett, Lac la Biche; Harry Kowalchuk, Boyle; Luc Plamondon, Plamondon; Joseph Langevin, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Charles Deschambeau, Barnegat; Rhonda Senetza, Lac la Biche; Elphege Dancause, Plamondon; Alex Lafournase, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Tony Duperron, Braynat; Mrs. Daria I. Ferro, Venice; Mrs. Fred Jeanes, Plamondon; Annette Tardif, Mrs. Madeline Mouille, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Paul Piquette, Plamondon; Adel Abougoush, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Alf Olson, Rich Lake; Mrs. Mary Louise Gregoire, Hart Lake; Hamidi Moghrabi, Brenda Rudiger, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Isabelle Plamondon, Plamondon; Harold Hansen, Noral; Mrs. Emile Gautheir, Plamondon; Mrs. Jean Le Rouzic, Atmore; Mrs. Lucien Germain, Breynat; Vital Boucher, Lac la Biche; Arthur Germain, Breynat; Mrs. Roy McBeth, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Romeo Piquette, Plamondon; Mrs. Anton Hrynyk, Worthy A. Putnam, Grassland; Herbert Juknies, Hylo; Mrs. Cleophas Thompson, Kikino; Andre Germain, Breynat; Jerry Desjarlais, Big Bay; Mrs. Richard Couture, Mrs. Philip Duperron, Lac la Biche; Ronnie Whitford, Kikino; Daniel Joncas, Leona Bone, Mrs. Alex Bourassa, Mrs. Nick Stuparyk, Lac la Biche; Marilyn Benson, Fred Cardinal, Imperial Mills; John Honka, Rich Lake; Joyce Ladouceur, Plamondon; Mrs. Tom Boucher, Noral; Walter Kalinowski, Edmonton; Mrs. David Richard, Normandeau; Naum Witruk, Grassland; Eva Cardinal, Beaver Lake; Mrs. Jeanne Malouvet, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Wilfrid Dragon, Plamondon; Mrs. James Hamar, Lac la Biche;

Henry Johnson, Barrhead; Mrs. James Bellerose, Lac la Biche Mission; Phyllis Cadieux, Plamondon; Robert Liddle, Lac la Biche; Alex Lozinski, Hylo; Eileen Plamondon, Plamondon; Myrtle Lameman, Barnegat; William Howse, Kikino; Gerald Johnson, Atmore; Mary Jane McDonald, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Emile Gauthier, Plamondon; Mrs. Joseph Breau, Lac la Biche; Charles Duperron, Gourin; Lila Chehadi, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Walter Holdis, Grassland; Jo-Ann Giacobbo, Venice; Mrs. Willard Ladouceur, Caslan; Mrs. Urban Plamondon, Plamondon; Fred Tremblay, Mrs. Peter Filidichuk, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Leo Thompson Kikino; August Cardinal, Imperial Mills; Jean Le Rouzic, Douglas MacKay, Atmore; Mrs. J. B. Plamondon, Plamondon; Charles Piche, Hart Lake; Bill Buriak, Wandering River; Jerry Bluda, Grassland; Mrs. Alvey Gauthier, Gourin; Andre Gauthier, Plamondon; Marlene Gladue, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Edmond Le Rouzic, Atmore; Remi Hamelin, Imperial Mills; Tammy Lloyd, Miss Rema Pruden, Lac la Biche; Melvin Whitford, Kikino; Mrs. Alex Mahowich, Atmore; Josephine Tremblay, Lac la Biche; Terrance Shank, Plamondon; Bernice Littlechilds, McRae; Floyd Cardinal, Mrs. Emile Boucher, Imperial Mills; Craig St. Jean, Charron; Brian Ladouceur, Lac la Biche Mission; Leslie Erasmus, Kikino; Wanda Arseniuk, Flat Lake; Marianna Gauthier, Plamondon; Steve Leach, Laura Leach, Wayne Contois, Ray Manca, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Adrien Bourassa, Plamondon; Mrs. Lucy Smith, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Elmer Erasmus, Kikino; Russel Quintal, Imperial Mills; Clara Ladouceur, Lac la Biche Mission; Robert Pruden, Wilmont Switzer, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Geo. Mahowich, Venice; Allan McMillan, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Daniel Bourassa, Gourin; John Coli, Hylo; Mrs. Frank Ladouceur, Boyle.

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dube, Plamondon, a boy, Jan. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Luois Rudiger, Lac la Biche, a boy, Jan. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerlywich, Grassland, a girl, Jan. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moghrabi, Lac la Biche, a boy, Jan. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whalen, Briereville, a girl, Jan. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gauthier, Charron, a girl, Jan. 17; Mr. and Mrs. Emile Gauthier, Plamondon, a boy, Jan. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Semashkewich, Spruce Valley, a girl, Jan. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Assif, Lac la Biche, a girl, Jan. 19; Mr. and Mrs. John Booker, Lac la Biche, a boy, Jan. 20; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Glanfield, Wandering River, a girl, Jan. 21; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hamelin, Philomena, a boy, Jan. 22; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cyre, Plamondon, a girl, Jan. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Munro, Lac la Biche, a girl, Jan. 23.

Caslan

Mrs. M. York and children, Ellen, Carol and Carl were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl York in Edmonton last weekend.

Mrs. William Giblak visited her son, Paul Kowalchuk recently.

Earl Gordon motored to Cold Lake last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Henson and daughter, Heather, spent a few days in Edmonton. Mrs. Henson was there for medical attention.

Alex Gordon has gone to work in the Swan Hills district.

THE Homemaker

By EDITH WITNEY

With the new year well started, why not start your basic wardrobe? Your Christmas gifts have been fitted in so now you know what you still need to complete your wardrobe. It is not too late to still get in on January sales.

In a basic wardrobe all colors harmonize to give you that well dressed look at all times. Make your clothes dollar count by making or buying only those garments which fit into your basic wardrobe plan. But first check your clothes and see if a little mending, cleaning or restyling won't put those back-of closet items back into circulation again.

Next consider all the activities you'll be undertaking and plan for clothes that will suit the occasion — meetings, church, social gatherings, sports, trips. Homemakers will need suitable and comfortable clothes for around the house. Styles and colors should be picked to enhance your best features, your size, and your personality. Simplicity in style of garments make them easy to dress up or down.

Start your basic wardrobe by building it around a dress, coat or suit in your most becoming color or in one of the neutral colors of black, brown, navy or grey. Budget for a basic wardrobe every two years. In that way it will never be depleted.

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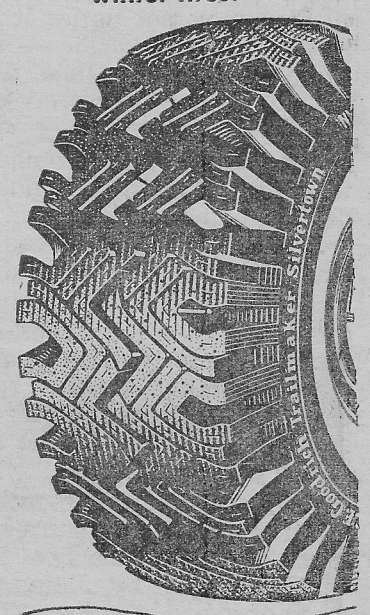

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EDITORIAL

"And What is Writ is Writ,
Would It Were Worthier."—Byron.

Crow's Nest Rates To Stay

The Crow's Nest Pass freight rates on grain will not be changed, Northern Affairs Minister Hamilton told the annual meeting of Regina Progressive Conservatives.

This is reassuring news to prairie farmers who have seen the Crow's Nest Pass rates attacked from many quarters in recent weeks. Earlier this winter, when the 17 per cent increase in freight rates was announced, Hon. Howard Green, then acting Prime Minister, gave a similar assurance.

The "Drys" Have It

The result of the local vote in Lethbridge which went against additional types of liquor outlets is gratifying from a temperance point of view. When the number of liquor outlets is increased, the rate of alcoholism is increased. This is demonstrated in Ontario and British Columbia, which have additional types of outlets, and the highest rate of alcoholism in Canada. When a limit is kept on the number of outlets, it curbs the amount of alcoholism.

Alberta Joins Ottawa March

Alberta farmers will participate in Western Canada's March on Ottawa. This decision was reached last week at a meeting of the FUA board of directors in Edmonton. Plans are being made to circulate petitions throughout the province and to collect funds to finance a representative delegation. Organizational work in the province will be carried out by the Farmers' Union although other farm organizations will support the move.

The Alberta Wheat Pool board of directors, in accordance with instructions of the delegates at the annual meeting have pledged the support of their organization.

The delegation is being organized in the three prairie provinces to impress upon the federal government and eastern Canada the unsatisfactory economic position of the Western grain producer.

In Saskatchewan, plans are already well advanced. Several large and enthusiastic public meetings have been held, and scores of smaller meetings are planned. Canvassers are already out soliciting support and circulating a petition.

Longer Days

You may not notice it but the days are already getting longer — and will continue to do so until late June, when the Summer Solstice will end the process.

The shortest day of the year fell just before Christmas, December 21st, and since that time, by a few minutes each day, the days have been stretching. Yet the coldest period of winter lies ahead — unless abnormal winter weather is in store.

If you wonder why January and February are colder than December, customarily, even though there is more sunlight, as the sun moves northward, the reason is that the earth has lost more or its stored heat from summer by the time the first two months of the year roll around.

In December, and especially in November, when the days and sun's heating are short, much of the summer heat is still retained by the earth but by January and February, more of it has been lost. Thus, we still have the toughest part of the winter ahead—and winter will not end until the vernal equinox March 21st, which is the first day of Spring. But, always remember, no one knows what Mother Nature, or the weather will do. Spring might arrive in February, or in May. We must wait and see.

"Mushroom Collecting for Beginners" is the name of a revised pamphlet now available from the Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ontario. It describes edible and poisonous varieties.

World Still In Danger

We don't think the visit of Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Mikoyan to the United States has helped the world situation. The Number 2 man in the Communist country's hierarchy is adamant and inflexible in such crucial matters as the future of Berlin.

This indicates a definite drift to big trouble which will become more serious as June brings the Berlin crisis to a head. What will happen? Will the Western Powers decamp from Berlin and leave this city of 2,500,000 free Germans to the tender mercies of Communist East Germany? Or will Russia, seeing a solid opposition to her plans to clear Berlin of Western influence modify or withdraw her demands that the Western powers get out?

In between these two unlikely possibilities is the real danger of trouble, perhaps war, perhaps global, nuclear war.

The world is still in danger.

The Dream Of A Lifetime

A young couple recently set sail from Seattle, Washington, in a home-made schooner — destined for a cruise around the world. How many of us have wanted to do just this same thing, but have been prevented by circumstances, finances, and responsibilities from doing just this?

The home-made schooner is 38 feet long, and is expected to be on the seas about two years before the trip around the world is completed. But Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ashford do not have to worry about time. They are both 28 years old, and they are willing to stop at various ports and work, if necessary, to obtain the necessary money to continue on their trip around the world. They will go to Tahiti, Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Europe, and home via the Panama Canal.

And while they think the trip will take about two years, the Ashfords don't care how long it takes. Ashford built the schooner himself, and is a former shipwright, and he will be sailing his own schooner, setting his own course, and free to see the world via his own power. It should be a wonderful experience, and the spirit of adventure obviously still lives among the youth of our era.

Religious Freedom In The Bill Of Rights

An evangelist of the Bible Holiness Mission has asked Prime Minister John Diefenbaker for a clearer definition of the phrase "freedom of religion" as it appears in the proposed Canadian Bill of Rights. The Prime Minister himself introduced Bill C 60, known as "An Act for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms" in the House of Commons last September. It will come up for a second reading in the current session of Parliament. The intent of the Bill is that any future act or regulation of Parliament is not to infringe upon the human rights, among which are listed without definition, freedom of religion, speech, assembly, and the press. Mr. Wakefield, the evangalist, holds that the definition should include "the practice, the worship, and the propagation of religion."

Note and Comment

So much space in print and so much time on the air are devoted to entertainment and local affairs that the great national and international issues are largely neglected.

Carnegie report and three-year study of press, radio and TV.

In New Zealand the airplane is being used to spread poison bait in an effort to control rabbits. In one area 50 tons of poison pellets will be spread where ordinarily 500 tons of poison carrot baits would be set out.

In 1958 the corn crop in Mexico is expected to set an all-time record of about 195 million bushels. This would be 20 per cent above the 1957 crop and 38 per cent above the 1950-54 average.

IRON BOTTOM BAY

Voice Of the People

Readers are invited to make free expression of opinions on any subject. Letters to be short and concise. The Editor reserves the right to condense or reject any letter.

LOCAL PRICES HIGH

In your paper of Dec. 12, Thorhild Tribune, I read a very interesting article on the front page, headed as follows: "Local Merchants Beat City Stores"—same article costs less locally. This is very nice of Superior Electric and I agree that we can buy at Superior Electric, articles for a reasonable price or lower than some articles in the city. But other businesses are not as bright as stated. Let me give you a few examples.

A farmer urgently needed his tractor, truck or car for winter use, he needed a tune-up shape. He drove to our local towns like Thorhild, Radway, Newbrook or any other. He started to buy these very small parts and here are the differences in price: breaker points, city 98c, local $1.80; condenser, city 75c, local $1.25; fan belt, city $1.20, local $2.50; fuel pump, city $2.65, local $4.50.

And hundreds more could be mentioned and how much more we pay for clothes and other large articles. And you know why? The author mentioned it, just because our local merchant is not paying from $400 to $1,000 or more per month like in the city. That's why we pay close to double the price.

Besides the prices, a farmer before he gets his chores done and into town, our local stores are all closed, but when a farmer happens to be in Edmonton on a Thursday he has the privilege of shopping until 9 p.m. We haven't got this privilege in our local stores. And you gentlemen are really surprised why farmers go to the city to shop.

We farmers sell our product below production costs, and we pay in our local stores a way more than actual prices in the city.

No wonder that I read on the same page that the Thorhild Curling Club buys new stones that cost $1,200, and the farmers cannot afford to buy decent clothes for himself and his family.

"Ordinary Farmer",
Weasel Creek.

WORKINGMAN'S BURDEN

The figures show three out of five married women working. In other words, a man married or single has to compete for jobs not only with his fellow man but with his fellow man's wife. Is this double competition fair to the man who is responsible for the care and welfare of his family? One thing or another certainly needs changing. —JOHN McCARTHY

DO GOV'T. GRANTS HELP?

With the government giving the extra grants to the MD to help with unemployment for the winter, as far as I can see it is not helping very many.

In our division, No. 3, there are about three men employed. The cat operator is a farmer.

Do you think this is how the government meant it to be spent, by hiring a cat operator, when he could make his living on the farm? If all those thousands of dollars are only to help a few, then there must be some other way. No doubt it is improving our MD roads as the cat is out brushing the roadways, but as far as helping unemployment, I can't see it.

"TAXPAYER"
Cherhill, Alta.

IN APPRECIATION

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the excellent coverage you gave our orphan project in your issue of Dec. 19.

It is fair to say that the children here are deserving of the praise your extensive article by Mrs. Gene Hadley gave them and I trust that their example will be an encouragement to other children.

We send our sincereest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. —F. FLANAGAN.
Stony Plain.

GRATEFUL THANKS

We received the Lac Ste. Anne paper and thank you as well as Mrs. Dawson of Lisburn, for we used to live in the district.

In fact Neil L. Herd was a pioneer homesteader in the 1920's. He was a councillor for Sangudo and district.

Thanking you for and wishing your paper great success and a real good year through 1959.

—Mrs. NEIL L. HERD
Vancouver.

LO, THE POOR MOTORIST

Cars no longer are a luxury. They are a necessity, an important part of our economy. Without them, many people can't work. So why is it that, when governments can't think of anything else to tax, they always can think of gasoline, liquor and cigarettes?

JAMES O'CONNOR

THE COST OF A CRASH

In addition to other grim tolls, a car wreck deprives drivers of many things they would like to own. That money goes into useless repair bills. In addition to saving lives, alert driving has its financial advantages.

—WILLIAM SULLIVAN

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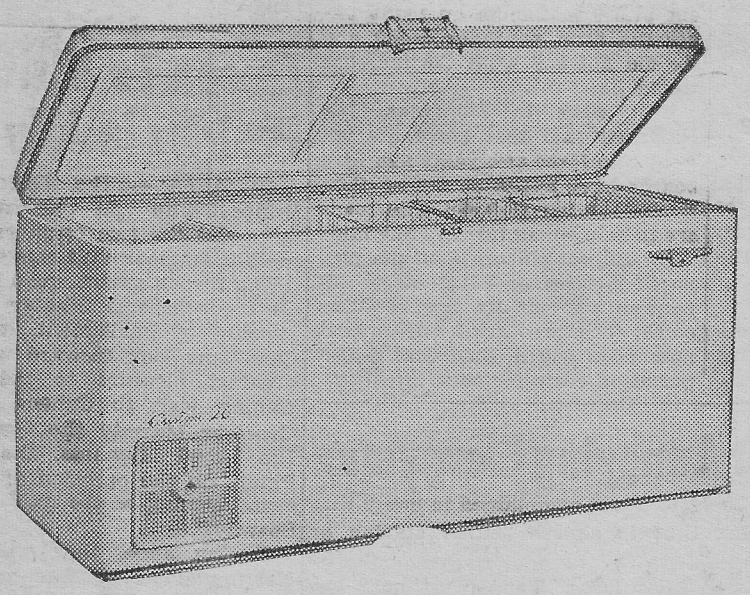

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THE MEL WOOD FAMILY—MASTER FARMER, 1958

Tofield Master Farmer Once Was Promising Boxer

A purebred Hereford breeder of the Tofield district southeast of Edmonton counts 1958 as a highlight in his farming career. He was one of three men who last year were named Master Farmer and presented with a $1,000 cash award and an engraved plaque in recognition of agricultural achievements.

Wood was born in Tofield in 1904, the youngest boy of a family of 12. His parents moved to the area from Oklahoma just before the turn of the century. He attended Lakeshore rural school, completing the eighth grade.

FORMER BOXER

At the age of 19 he became interested in boxing, and left home to follow a boxing career and also to supplement the family income. He fought during the winters in Tacoma and Seattle, returning to the farm for spring, summer and harvest seasons.

When his father died in 1928, the Master Farmer-to-be returned to the farm and gave up his promising ring career.

Mr. Wood purchased his present farmsite from his father's estate and began building the present thriving stock farm.

In 1936 he married an attractive teacher, Ethyl Baines. The Woods have a family of two, Donald, 15, and Margaret, who will be 13 years in November.

HORSES IMPORTED

Mr. Wood first took an interest in stock raising in 1942. Prior to that time he farmed some 600 cultivated acres, putting in long hours of tedious labor. He purchased his first tractor in 1938. Horses still play an important part in the farming practice of Master Farmer, as the hilly country does not lend itself to complete mechanization.

The Woods farm 960 acres of which 830 are under cultivation. A seven-year grass-grain rotation program is followed. Some 400 acres are seeded down to pasture and hay. Registered Thatcher wheat is grown on 100 acres and 300 acres are devoted to the growing of registered Rodney oats. One hundred acres is in summerfallow with 300 acres of forage and pasture. A windbreak takes up 30 acres.

The "Melwood Farm" now has a herd of 171 purebred Herefords, built around two original females, purchased in 1942. Up to 1953, Mr. Wood concentrated his time and profits into building up the herd. Each time he sold a bull, he purchased additional females.

WORTHWHILE PROJECT

The program has been more than worthwhile. One cow has raised 12 calves in eight years. One of these was a bull which sold for $8,000 in 1953.

The Master Farmer now plans to close the herd, breeding within, and following the developed blood lines.

Wood stock have been consistent winners at sales in Alberta. An impressive array of ribbons grace a cabinet in the comfortable farm home.

Tamworth hogs are also raised on the prize-winning farm, and 200 Leghorn laying hens are kept. Six sows annually raise about 100 good quality hogs, marketed when they reach 200 pounds in weight. Approximately 800 dozen eggs are marketed annually. Six Holstein milch cows provide an ample supply of milk and cream for family and other farm uses.

The fully modern Melwood farm enjoys hi-line electricity. There are 28 buildings on the farmstead, including the modern seven-room home.

KEPT BUSY

Mr. Wood has been active in community affairs. He has been a member of the Tofield Chamber of Commerce and Community League, and was the first president of the Tofield Cattle Breeders Association. He was president of the Blackfoot Grazing Association for five years and is a member of numerous Hereford breeders associations, and the Western Stock Growers Association. He was among those instrumental in bringing rural electrification to the district.

A firm believer in 4-H activities, the Master Farmer is a member of the adult 4-H committee.

Mrs. Wood, who arrived in Canada at the age of four when her parents emigrated from England in 1911, also takes an active part in community affairs. Upon completing her high school education, she chose the teaching profession and taught at various schools in Alberta for 11 years prior to her marriage.

W.A. PRESIDENT

Mrs. Wood is president of the United Church Women's Association and has been a Sunday school teacher for many years. She served three years as chairman of the local school board. She is also an active worker during Canadian Red Cross and Cancer Society fund raising campaigns. During the Second World War she was secretary of the War Workers Aassociation.

Both children stand high in scholastic affairs and take a keen interest in 4-H work. Donald is president of the 4-H swine club, and vice-president of the 4-H beef club. Margaret is a first year member of the beef club. The enterprising young farmerette last year showed the reserve champion in the beef club, and won the showmanship award in the Hereford class at the spring sale in Edmonton.

Mr. Wood firmly believes there is good future for young people in agriculture. The key to success is hard work and the application of scientific farming methods. He believes that young people should gain as much knowledge about agriculture as possible, through work in the 4-H movement, and further advanced study.

EDMONTON BUILDING UP

EDMONTON — Building permits in the Edmonton Metropolitan area in 1958 reached a total of $87,007,349. This was an increase of $15,590,401 over the total in the previous year.

In 89 B.C., all free inhabitants of Italy were declared citizens of Rome.

FEWER COWS BUT MORE MILK

CHICAGO (UPI) — Fewer cows will produce the nation's milk in 1959, according to the American Feed Manufacturers Association. Output will match 1959 production, but the more than 19 million cows to be milked represent two per cent decline in the cow population. The greater yield is credited to favorable prices and heavier grain feeding.

May Boost Loans To Young Farmers

The Alberta government is preparing legislation to increase the amount of loans available to young farmers and boost assistance to cattle breeders, according to Agriculture Minister Halmrast.

Addressing a Lethbridge service club here, Mr. Halmrast said the legislature session opening Feb. 5 will hear a government proposal to raise "considerably" the present $7,500 maximum on loans under the farm purchase credit act. He did not say what the increase would be.

Last week in Edmonton, Mr. Halmrast said that since the act went into force two years ago loan boards have approved 146 applications covering $539,058. The loans are to help young farmers buy land.

He did not elaborate on the proposed increase in payments to Albertans who import new breeding stock. The provincial government now pays $50 a head and transportation costs for such imports.

Spinster Must Quit Annoying Clergyman

TORQUAY, England — A bachelor vicar complained in court that a middle-aged spinster spent her time in church "either staring or grinning at me."

Rev. Anthony Rouse, 41, said Miss Isabel Tanner set near the front of his St. John's church here — "taking no part in the services."

The vicar also charged she wrote him letters and called him up to say "something of an intimate nature."

The judge ordered her to restrain from phoning, writing or otherwise communicating with the vicar and awarded him £5 damages.

Range-Reared Pullets Lay More Eggs

Two tests that seem to prove the superior egg-laying ability of range-reared over confinement-reared pullets were conducted at the Experimental Farm Brandon, Man., reports poultry husbandman E. D. Walter.

Each test involved a separate group of 1800 birds and showed little to choose between the two rearing methods as regards livability, body weight gains or feed requirements during the growing period.

In the laying house too their body weights were about the same and, contrary to common belief, the range-reared birds consumed as much feed as their opposite numbers. The incidence of feather picking and cannibalism was slightly higher in the confinement-reared birds but was never a serious problem. Mortality rate was less than three per cent in each group.

No difference was noted either in age at first egg, egg weight or feed need to produce one dozen eggs.

In both experiments however egg production was three per cent higher in the range-reared birds and these birds were approximately four ounces heavier at the end of the test than the pullets reared in confinement.

Ornamentals for Alberta Areas

OTTAWA — Many trees and shrubs can be grown successfully in the Fort Vermilion area of Alberta and according to J. Aitchison of the Fort Vermilion Experimental Farm, spring planting will give the best results.

Such native trees as Spruce, Birch and Lodgepole pine can be used as ornamentals. Others that are being successfully grown at the present time are: Scotch pine, Green ash, Elm, Poplar hybrid, variety Griffin, variety Northwest and Larch.

All appear to be very hardy and able to withstand cold winters.

There are also many shrubs being grown at present that make excellent ornamentals. They are: Honeysuckle in variety, Elder, Nanking cherry, Chinese elm, Roses in varieties such as Rugosa, Wild Alderman, Therese Bugnet, and Altaica. Other ornamentals are: Spirea, Pikovinsis, Trichocarpa, Media sericea, Vanhouttei and Lilac in varieties Josikaea, Prestoniae, Villosa and Amurensis.

Chinese elm makes a very neat hedge.

Queen To Visit Prairies In July

OTTAWA — The Queen and Prince Philip will visit all provinces and the two territories during her summer visit this year.

The throne speech, read here by Governor-General Massey at the opening of Parliament, said "all Canadians look forward with the greatest pleasure to the forthcoming visit to Canada of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, on the occasion of the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway."

During June, they will be in Newfoundland. Quebec and Ontario; British Columbia and northern areas until mid-July; Prairie and Maritime provinces until the end of July.

The formal opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway will take place in the last week of June.

Paratroops Invade Long Lake Park

District News In Brief

Rev. Toma Finds Lost Pocketbook In Snow

HARRY HILL — For a brief time recently, things looked very black and bleak indeed for Rev. W. Toma. He had lost his pocket-book and all its contents. This was a sad time for Mr. Toma as he is retired and lives on his old age pension and the thought of having lost his pocket-book, cash and all wasn't very pleasant.

However, things took a brighter turn, when Mr. Toma found his pocket-book and the money intact half buried in the deep snow close to his gate. He was indeed, a very happy man and January began to take on a very pleasant glow.

Warspite Students' Union Hosts To 300

WARSPITE — The Warspite students' union were hosts to approximately 300 students at a platter party held at the Warspite high school gym. A good representation came from Spedden, Smoky Lake and Waskatenau. Bellis and Vilna schools showed less interest.

Staff members accompanying the students were H. Ostapiw, Bellis; H. Leskiw, H. Holowaychuk, A. Kuziemsky from Smoky Lake; R. Orichowski from Waskatenau. Warspite staff members in attendance were Mrs. B. Feniak, W. Laschuk and P. S. Kozdrowski, principal.

Lunch was served to the teachers, and bus drivers by members of the students' union in the home economics room.

Miss Elaine Calvert, president of the students' union kept the program lively all evening and promptly closed it at 12:00 midnight.

IT ISN'T EVERY youngster that gets a chance at a "Thunderbird" ride, but 12-year-old Daniel Wing is doing just that at Thunderbird Park in Victoria, B.C. Actually, this "Thunderbird" is an unusual horizontal totem pole, one of many such creations on display at the park. Danny is perched on the back of a whale, which is held in the talons of the thunderbird. The triumph of the thunderbird over the whale is a common theme in the totem pole art of British Columbia's Indians. This totem pole was designed by the Haida tribe.

Cannan And Weder Win Whist Prizes

WOODVILLE — A whist party was held at the Woodville Community Centre on Jan. 9 which was well attended.

First prize winners were Robert Cannan and Ray Weder; consolation prizes went to Donald Fowler and Muir Dorward.

Mannville Welcomes Bride From Hong Kong

Coming to Canada from Hong Kong must be a vast difference to what Mrs. Jimmie Chow has been accustomed. However, she seemed to take it all in her stride as she greeted all guests who assembled at the London Cafe, the home of Jimmie's father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kwong Chow, and themselves.

The occasion was a surprise shower for the young couple, at which over 100 people gathered from town and country., and sponsored by the Birch Creek WI.

At the front of the cafe two tables were arranged at which Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chow and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chow sat to receive and unwrap gifts. Many useful and lovely gifts were opened and passed to those seated in booths and on stools throughout the cafe. Following the opening of the last present Jimmie Chow, on behalf of his wife, mother and father, thanked those present for the host of gifts.

Lunch, provided by Joe Kwong Chow and family, and served by Birch Creek WI was much enjoyed by all, as everyone chatted in happy atmosphere.

An interesting tradition of China was carried out when the bride, accompanied by her mother-in-law, bowed to each guest and presented them with their first cup of coffee, with herself as the hostess. Russell Whitson, MLA, was present, and made a speech of welcome to Mrs. Jimmie Chow. The crowd was a mixed one of men and women. in a setting of Chinese lanterns all tractively strung in alternating sizes near the counters. Pictures, embroidered by Mrs. Joe Chow, were admired, as they hung on the walls, depicting the Chinese scenic beauty.

Accentuating her beauty the bride was charming in a Chinse silk dress of palest pink and embroidered beautifully in cherry blossom design, spray fashion down the front of bodice, and diogonally across the skirt. The collar was mandarin style.

It was an afternoon, those present will not quickly forget. Guest book was signed by all.

Woodville Club To Make Quilts

The Woodville Ladies' Club met Jan. 15 with seven members present. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling". Roll call was answered with a poem pertaining to the New Year.

Two picture scrap-books have been completed by Mrs. Cathrine Cannan, which will be sent to the Camsell Hospital in Edmonton for the children. It was decided to make two quilts to send to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada who, in turn, will distribute them to needy ones.

Mrs. J. Farus was nominated reporter in place of Mrs. P. Mansell. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lillian Weder. Roll call will be answered with each member bringing a Valentine surprise package appropriately wrapped.

The handmade casks in which Spain exports its sherry wine to the world are made only of oak from America.

Ice Fishermen Have Ringside Seat For Princess Pats' Exercise Snowbird

The residents of the sparsely populated Long Lake Park area and a few hardy ice-fishermen had front seats at an exciting para-drop exercise.

Spectators saw Alpha Company of the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry drop from planes of the 435 transport Squadron of the RCAF to inaugurate "Exercise Snowbird."

Officers who watched the drop stated that in their opinion it was one of the finest drops ever made, with the 100 men and their officers landing right on target. A great deal of the credit for this feat is attributed to the fine navigation and operational procedure of the RCAF transport squadron who worked with the men.

Because of the drop was made in peacetime, army regulations provided that an advance party mark the drop area with smoke However, under wartime conditions the drop would have been made without the markers, and with no advance party.

The drop party were later joined by the rest of their battalion, making a total of some 650 men camped out in the area in temperatures of from 10 degrees below zero with a wind chill of some 40 degrees below zero, at time of going to press.

To Elect Officers At Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Vegreville United Church will be held on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting the reports of the various organizations as well as the election of new officers will be held. The annual report of the congregation will be mailed this week to all members and adherents of the church. All members, and adherents of the congregation, are urged to be present at the meeting on Monday evening to discuss the reports and recommendations of the various groups.

L. Footz, K. Semeniuk Receive Caps, Capes

LAVOY — At the capping ceremony of the Vegreville General Hospital at St. Martin's Catholic Church were several district residents. Two district girls, Loretta Footz and Katherine Semeniuk, received their caps and capes following five months of training at the hospital in a class of 14.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Semeniuk, Lillian, Terry and Johnny Semeniuk, Madeline Footz, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Footz and Linda and Mrs. John Semeniuk.

Following the ceremony lunch was provided for those present.

L. Bricker Honored On 70th Birthday

LAVOY — Mr. and Mrs. L. Bricker motored to Wetaskiwin accompanied by their son Mitchell and his daughter Susan of New York where a family get-together on the occasion of Mr. Bricker's 70th birthday was held.

Mr. Bricker is one of Lavoy's oldest residents, coming here in 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Bricker have six sons, two residing in Edmonton, two in Calgary, one in Wetaskiwin and one in New York. The whole family was present for the Wetaskiwin celebration, those from the north and southern parts of the province meeting there.

Zone Convention Report Delivered

LAVOY — A comprehensive and interesting report of the Home and School Zone Convention held in Viking, was given by Mrs. Ruth Smiley at the monthly meeting of the Lavoy Association. Highlights of the day's proceedings and speakers' addresses showed a worthwhile day was enjoyed at this convention.

Meeting at the school auditorium Thursday evening, Jan. 15 members also viewed an excellent comedy "Fun on the Run" and "Television is What You Make It" an excellent film produced by the Christophers of New York. Business preceded the films, conducted by program chair M. Tomyn. The new projector, purchased this fall by the students and divisional board, was used for the showing of the films that night after a brief explanation of it to the audience by Mr. Tomyn.

A discussion centered around eight items on "Common Sense Code for Teenagers" put out by a New Jersey organization. Three groups discussed different phases of this "Code" and reported their findings to the others.

A social half hour completed a worthwhile and interesting evening.

Ranfurly FWUA To Review First Aid

RANFURLY — The January meeting of the Ranfurly FWUA was held at the home of Mrs. C. Wager with Mrs. P. MacNaughton as assistant hostess.

Mrs. C. Beamish received a hearty vote of thanks for her splendid report of the FUA annual convention held in Edmonton in December.

As this was the first time that the local had taken part in the handicraft competition of the convention many questions were asked about the judging points and Mrs. Beamish described some of the 300 articles shown by the 45 locals entered in the competition.

Switzerland is the study topic for 1959.

The local will put on a play during Lent and the first reading of it was held at Mrs. Wager's on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

With Mrs. Wager as leader, members are reviewing the first aid they learned at the St. John's Ambulance classes four years ago. Bandaging will be taken up at the next meeting to be held at Mrs. George Erickson's Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Martin Kiselivech Heads Imperial FUA

The Imperial FUA held their annual meeting on Jan. 15 in the community centre with 10 members and two visitors in attendance. Fred Wasyleski, president, was in the chair.

Election of officers were held with the following elected for the year 1959: president, Martin Kiselivech; vice-president, Ralph Auch; secretary-treasurer, Russel Chudyk; directors: Arnold Fried, Nick Muzechka and Fred Wasyleski.

Members are reminded that meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

ABUNDANT LIFE

by ORAL ROBERTS

IN ONE HOUR

In one hour, a youthful shepherd, previously unknown except by the sheep he tended in the hills near Bethlehem, became the national hero of Israel.

He was David!

In that same hour, the legendary champion of the Philistines, perhaps the most formidable warrior the world has ever known, lay dead at the feet of his people.

He was Goliath!

The confidence of the Philistines melted into dismay and confusion. The insecurity of the children of Israel turned into exultation and triumph. All within one hour!

Goliath towered in splendor 9½ feet. He was magnificent in impenetrable armor. His great sword flashed in the sunlight. Who in all the world was equal to this giant of giants?

David was but a lad in his teens. He was too light to wear protective armor. He had no experience with the sword. The only weapon he knew was a small hand sling. It was both gross insult and folly to pit this diminutive child against the might of Goliath.

The fate of Israel had never hung on so slender a thread in all of that nation's resplendent history. It was one of the earth's most dramatic hours.

David wound his sling and cried, "I fight not with sword and shield, but with the Spirit of the Lord!"

What happened then stunned two nations. Goliath fell. David stood upon him. Taking the giant's own great sword, he severed the massive head. There was a shout of victory from the host of the Israelites, and the Philistines turned and fled.

All within one hour!

The history of David is one of the most inspiring stories of all time. They sang of him, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and DAVID his ten thousands!" What was the secret of this simple lad from the hills who became mighty in battle and king of Israel?

His secret was in his word of faith: "I fight not with sword and shield but with the Spirit of the Lord!" His secret was his act of faith. He wound up his sling and fired. His secret was the Spirit of God who guided the stone unerringly to the forehead of Goliath. His secret was his trust in the Lord. David believed God, and because he believed, he saw God's marvelous provision.

Goliath is a symbol, or a type, of the unconquerable enemy. When you are confronted with fear, you face Goliath. What is poverty but Goliath? What is failure, hunger, insecurity, indebtedness, or anything which blocks your way, if it is not Goliath? The uncertainty of the future is Goliath. In one hour David slew his giant because he fought with the Spirit of the Lord.

Goliaths are not slain by any other weapon.

Suggest Credit Unions May Set Up Own Banks In Canada-Wide Struggle

OTTAWA — A struggle is shaping up between chartered banks and the credit unions for the multi-million-dollar business in personal savings accounts and small loans.

At present, the banks appear to hold the upper hand after increasing their charges for cashing cheques drawn on credit union members' accounts and by levying other charges against the co-operative financial institutions.

However, credit unions may hold a trump card. There is increasing talk about them setting up their own co-operative chartered bank through which they could deal at lower rates.

SOME OBSTACLES

There would be some legal difficulties in setting up a co-operative chartered bank, but credit union sources do not consider them insurmountable.

For instance, credit unions are governed by provincial laws, which now forbid them from owning shares or operating chartered banks. Chartered banks are governed by federal laws and must be incorporated under parliamentary charter.

For the last 20 years, credit union cheques have been cashed at chartered banks — and vice-versa — for the regular basic charge of 15 cents a cheque. The fee is the same for cheque trading between chartered banks.

Chartered banks would keep eight cents and the credit unions would receive seven cents of the charge.

CHANGED POLICY

Informants said that late last year the Canadian Bankers Association informed major credit union organizations that effective Jan. 2 the banks would retain the entire 15 cents and charge an additional five cents a cheque.

The banks would not allow the credit unions to levy the same fees. In addition, the chartered banks would set a fee of 2½ cents a cheque on their own cheques cashed in credit union offices. Other fees were set for other dealings between banks and credit unions.

Buys Stock Interest In Pembina Oil Field

MONTREAL (UPI) — Bonnyville Oil and Refining Corporation announced in Montreal it has acquired a substantial stock interest in St. Lawrence Petroleums Limited, which has an interest in 180 producing oil wells in Canada's Pembina field.

Bonnyville president Ernest A. Wilson said his company received 54,310 shares of St. Lawrence stock in exchange for 543,000 shares of its own treasury stock.

At the same time, he announced the appointment of Andrew R. L. McNaughton, senior vice president of St. Lawrence, as a director of Bonnyville.

Wilson said Bonnyville's subsidiary, Cold Lake Pipe Line Company, Limited has received a new Canadian government contract to supply a minimum of 500 million cubic feet of natural gas annually for the next rocket-missile base in northern Alberta.

Article Warns Against Inflation

Unless the Canadian government takes immediate and drastic action to halt inflation, Canada is headed for its most desperate financial crisis since the great depression, warns author Bruce Hutchison in the current Maclean's.

In a hard-hitting article critical of the spending habits of both the government and the Canadian people, Hutchison foresees the very real possibility of a brief boom, quickly followed by more inflation and, finally and inevitably, by a business depression that could cripple the nation.

Canada's Pint-Sized Tycoons Prosper

A Quebec farmboy, at loose ends for the summer and somewhat low in funds, eyed the bullfrogs croaking in a nearby creek. Catching a few with a net, he stocked them in his father's dairy pond, then strung electric lights across it to attract bugs at night.

The bugs, stunned by lights, fell into the pond—an inexhaustible supply of food for the frogs; in fact, the idea was so successful the boy had to put a flock of geese on the pond to eat up the surplus bugs.

The youngster, finding a ready market for frogs' legs and geese, by summer's end had amassed a pint-sized fortune.

In every province across Canada, other junior tycoons are invading the complex world of business and and finance, writes William MacEachern in next week's Star Weekly. Once upon a time their ventures were pretty well limited to the auctioning off of a few marbles or the traditional lemonade stand. But now young Canadians run efficient manufacturing companies and other enterprises — and show a profit, too.

Many of the ingenious schemes being carried on by junior businessmen are described in detail by William MacEachern, and his Star Weekly article is an answer to those who are over-ready to accuse our young people of lacking initiative and enterprise.

Breynat

A birthday party was held in honor of Arsen Duperron, with many friends and relatives present. Following the party Mrs. Duperron left for Edmonton with her daughter.

Jan. 23 a birthday party was held in honor of Betty Karpetz. Many guests attended and spent the evening dancing and playing games. Betty was presented with a variety of gifts.

Mrs. Harold Catt and daughter, Linda, from Drumheller were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Karpetz recently.

Canadian Eskimo Dental Secrets

How does the Nunamiut Eskimo keep his teeth in almost perfect condition despite a diet which lacks many of the so-called necessities for dental health?

This was the question that confronted Dr. Carl J. Henkelmann—a busy dentist who had practiced more than 30 years in Lincoln, Nebraska—when he flew to north central Alaska to discover why a small primitive tribe in the remote Anaktuvuk pass country should be completely free of dental disease.

In the current issue of the Star Weekly, K. D. Curtis tells the amazing story of Dr. Henkelmann's findings—and how the Eskimo manages to keep his teeth strong and healthy despite a diet that would make one of us shudder just to think about it.

Hylo

Larry and Eddy Rayment were home for the weekend. Eddy played on the Hylo hockey team on Sunday.

Miss Arlene Caren of Edmonton was a guest over the weekend at the home of Mrs. J. Rayment.

Johnny Simon went to Edmonton last week.

Nick J. Ouchar has returned to Whitehorse, Yukon, where he is stationed at the RCASC.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bourassa on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Plamondon of Breynat, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Plamondon and Mrs. Louis Bourassa of Plamondon.

Drifting is getting heavy in spots and the school buses are having trouble in getting through. Some children have missed school due to this fact and the extreme cold. Snowplows passed through here last Wednesday and improved the highway a great deal.

Heart Transplants Said Possible

BERLIN — A Russian scientist said transplants of human hearts now are theoretically and practically possible.

Prof. Vladimir Demochov, specialist in transplanting hearts, lungs and heads of dogs, told an international press conference here that the problem now is mainly that of life expectancy following transplants.

He said that in current work on dogs death follows about 30 days after the transplants.

Before heart transplants on man could be tried, "much more" research has to be done on the biological icompatibilities of cells from different individuals.

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Back with you next week.

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Municipal District of Lac Ste. Anne No. 93

HELP WANTED (MALE)

The Agricultural Service Board of the Municipal District of Lac Ste. Anne No. 93, invites applications for the position of Field Supervisor. Duties to commence March 1st, 1959. Applications must be in own handwriting, stating qualifications, experience, age, marital status and salary expected, and marked "Supervisor." All applications to be in the hands of the Secretary not later than January 31st, 1959.

(Signed) J. BUBLEY, Secretary-Treasurer,
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Annual Village Meeting To Be Held February 9

The Village of Boyle will hold its annual meeting in the Vet's Hall on Monday, February 9.

As a result of the recent cold weather and the constant fear of the water freezing in the town's water tower it was decided to look into the matter of having a heating unit installed in the tower to guard against any possibility of the water freezing with the recurrence of any more colder weather.

The Council set the date for hearings of complaints against the general assessment as February 26 and such hearings to be held in the library at 2 p.m.

The Council asked the secretary to redraft the town by-law dealing with traffic control to change the present position of light at the corner of Railway Avenue and Taylor Road to the southwest of Railway Avenue and Taylor Road intersection.

The resignation of Peter Andruski as fire chief was accepted by the council.

Alex M. Rutar has been appointed town foreman, with duties to commence February 1.

Bayview

Conrad Plamondon and Paul Bourassa have left to work at an oil well in Fort Assiniboine.

Mrs. F. Jeanes has returned home after being hospitalized in Lac la Biche for some time.

Mr. Kazmierzak and Mr. Ziebrun, Blue Jay, visited this district on business.

Albert Plamondon and Romeo Avenier are new agents for Wright power saws.

The Calgary Power Company crew have completed electrical connections at the homes of O. Dube and J. Plamondon.

Henry Ilnicki Feted At Party

CHARRON — A birthday party was held Jan. 18 in honor of Henry Ilnicki of Atmore at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Semeskawich.

A number of teen-agers enjoyed an afternoon spent in record playing, dancing and playing games.

The party was highlighted with lunch, topped off with a birthday cake.

Breynat

District men working at Chartonuik's camp are Anton Karpetz, Clifford and Rex Smith and Alphonse Germain.

A skating part was held at Breynat, attended by many school students.

Bill Ponich made a business trip to Edmonton recently.

Mrs. Lucien Germain spent a few weeks in St. Catherine's Hospital undergoing medical treatments.

Town Officials Plan Gas Survey

LAC LA BICHE— Town officials made two trips to Edmonton last week to investigate the possibility of the town handling its own gas distribution system.

Present plans are to have a survey made by competent engineers to ascertain a close estimate of the costs involved. Much preliminary so-called "red tape" will have to be handled before a concrete decision can be reached, but the survey should put the council in possession of detailed figures which will prove invaluable in reaching a decision.

Blue Jay

District residents are now using Calgary Power.

Miss Rose Roskewich, who is boarding at the Mike Ilnicki home, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roskewich of Breynat.

Miss Patsy Karpetz of Breynat has been a guest of Miss Vicky Ilnicki.

Miss Elma Ilnicki is staying at Newbrook with her sister, Mrs. Joe Chipchura, while Mr. Chipchura is away working.

A birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. George Dowhaluk.

DA Tells Lac La Biche Farmers Of Benefits From Farm Electricity

The interest created by the course in rural electrification led district agriculturist S. C. Powers to remark that three hundred uses for elecrtical power have been discovered as the result of recent surveys. Mr. Powers said that from among those three hundred uses 250 of them are related directly to industry. Some of the benefits which might be derived from electrical power by the farmers in the Lac la Biche area are briefly:

Efficient low cost power for his feed grinders, grain loaders, pumps, milking machines and in workshops.

Under the REA system, farmer-owned rural electrification co-operative associations finance and own all the rural lines, including farmers' tap lines and the step-down substations at the points of connection with the power company's main transmission line.

An individual farmer is not required to pay at once the full amount of his share of the cost of the electrification, but may finance the cost through the associations. The provincial treasury, with approval of the director of co-operatives, will lend the associations the funds required for the program, less $100 per member. Loans are repayable over 25 years at 3½ per cent interest. During recent years the number of farm customers has been increasing by as much as 6,000 per year. One principal factor hastening development was the power companies' policy of building rural lines at cost.

Lac la Biche Will Hold Band Concert

LAC LA BICHE — A copy of the program for the band concert and dance to be held in the Memorial hall Jan. 31 has been received by the local band organization. The program includes an impressive list of overtures, waltzes and marches and arrangements are being checked to make sure that sufficient seating accommodation is found for the expected crowd.

Confirmation has been received that Edmonton band will be arriving by car. Mr. Peterkin of the cultural activities branch of the department of economic affairs, has accepted an invitation to be present for the occasion.

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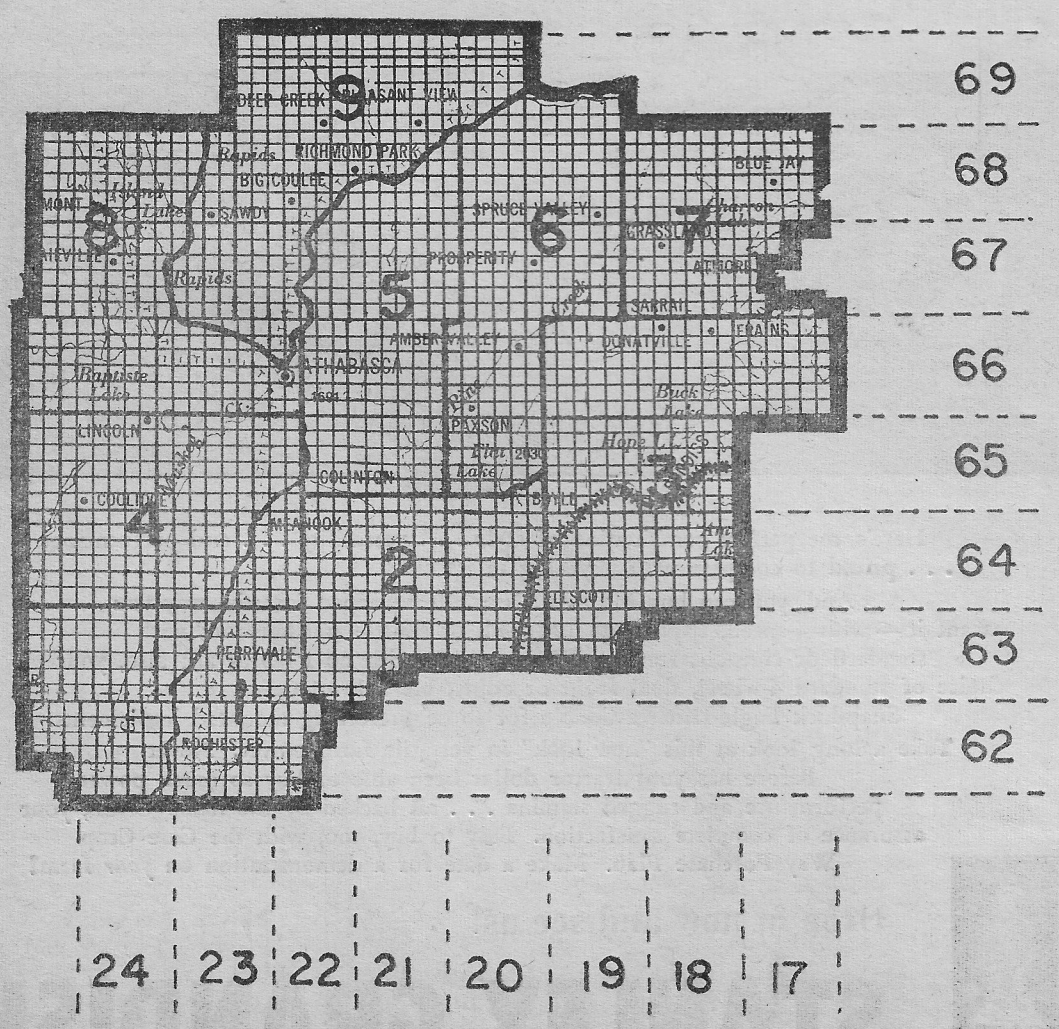

THE COUNTY of Athabasca No. 12 was formed on January 1 this year. There are nine divisions in the new county as against seven in the former municipal district. The extent of the boundary changes are shown in the above map of the new county. When the new county became effective the present Municipal Council and School Divisional Board ceased to exist as such and the district is now being governed by an administrator appointed by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

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ALTHOUGH SHE IS NOW separated from her husband, Mrs. Trudy Maat of Toronto vows he will never give up her twin four-year-old sons, who were the centre of Canada's most famous legal adoption case in July, 1957. Mrs. Maat is seen at her parents' home in Midland Park, N.J., where she and twins Ronnie, left, and Rickie, celebrated Christmas. The twins were given up for adoption by Trudy and Herman Maat right after their birth. But before Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hepton of Cooksville, Ont., could complete legal adoption proceedings, the natural parents started a legal battle. A Supreme Court ruling gave the Maats custody of the boys.

Clara Gatzke Feted At Shower Party

LAC LA BICHE — Miss Clara Gatzke was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower, held at the home of Mrs. A. Proctor Jan. 13.

Many beautiful gifts were received by the bride-elect. Miss Lola Badry assisted in opening the gifts.

Co-hostesses were Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. D. Kolstad, Mrs. W. E. Coast, Mrs. J. Booker, Mrs. J. Hayduk.

Improved Road At Eleanor Lake

RICH LAKE — Several local men are working on the brushing of a road at Eleanor Lake. When completed, this road will greatly shorten the journey to Lac la Biche for many Goose Lake residents.

"The only wise defence against a hydrogen bomb-burst is to be where it isn't. Even then the danger from its radioactive fallout must be carefully watched unless you are far enough away."

—Alberta Civil Defence

1958 Traffic Toll In Alberta 295

The Alberta Safety Council says 295 persons were killed in traffic accidents in Alberta in 1958, an increase of 27 per cent over the 1957 total of 232.

While motor vehicle registrations to the end of November were up 6.7 per cent, the number of accidents rose four per cent, to 23,311 and the number of injuries totalled 5,926, an increase of 5.8 per cent.

Edmonton and Calgary each had 13 deaths in traffic accidents. Edmonton's toll was the same as 1957.

Four Men Attack City Constable

EDMONTON — Constable M. L. Vallevand needed seven stitches to close a head wound suffered last weekend after he was attacked by four men while checking a car in a lane.

Police said the constable was attacked with a broken bottle. Four men were arrested almost immediately.

The human body contains enough lime to whitewash a chicken coop.

RCAF To Control DEW Line

OTTAWA — The government announced that the RCAF will take over operational control of the DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar line from the United States Air Force.

Beginning Feb. 1, RCAF officers will take over as bosses at the four main DEW line sites in the Canadian Arctic which are controlled by the military.

The four sites are Cape Dyer on Baffin Island, Hall Lake on the Melville Peninsula, Cambridge Bay on Victoria Island and Cape Parry on Amundsen Gulf.

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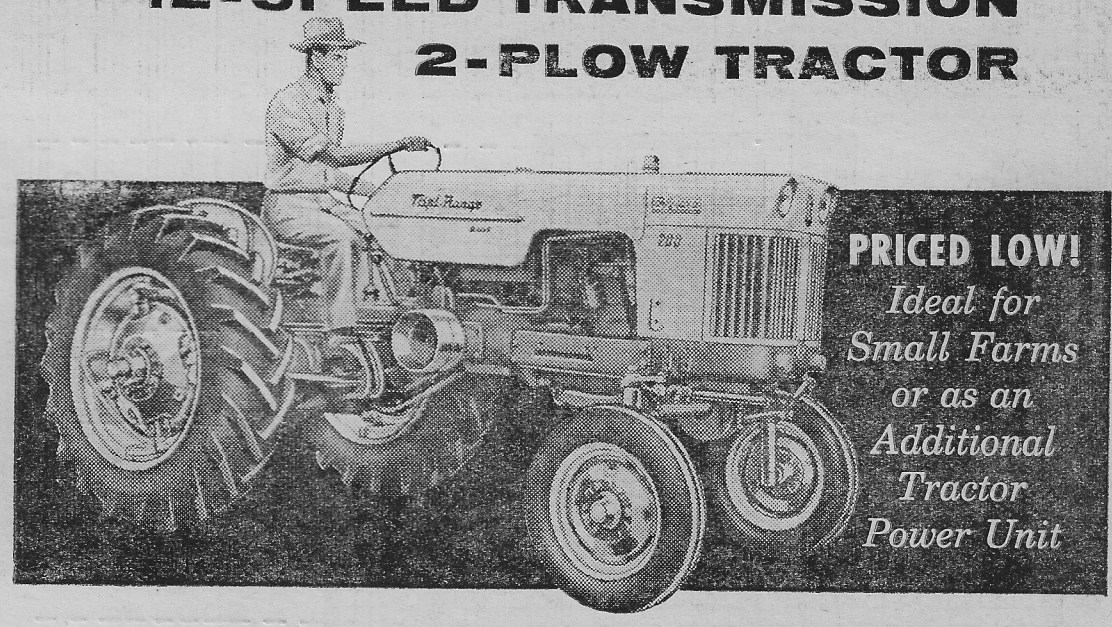

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Lac la Biche

Miss Lucille Tatum left last week for Rocky Mountain House where she is employed at the Weather Office. Miss Emeline Pruden is staying at the Tatum home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stephens of Prince Albert, Sask., were in town for the Gatzke-Tkachuk wedding, Jan. 23. The Stephens, who are spending the winter with their daughter in Edmonton, are old friends of the Gatzke family.

Recent guests at the F. Creighton home were their son Gordon and his bride, the former Norma Johnston of Grimshaw. The young couple were on their way to East Coulee, where they will make their home and pastor a church under the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

Angelina Coutney is in Edmonton, where she is taking a course in hair-dressing at the Marvel Beauty Salon. On completion of the course Angelina expects to open up her own shop here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Vincent were away for several days to attend the funeral of Mrs. Vincent's mother who passed away suddenly at Drumheller. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

A loaded freight car, destined for further north, was broken into and a goodly amount of groceries, meats and cigarettes were stolen recently, while the car was on a side track here. To date no trace of the stolen goods has been found.

Dan Goldsmith attended the semi-annual conference of the Evangelical Free Church held at Brooks, Jan. 19 ao 23.

Dougie Booker was happily surprised to receive as a birthday gift on his 7th birthday, Jan. 20, a new little brother. Both the baby and his mommie, Mrs. J. Booker, are doing fine.

Grassland

As a result of the recent storm most roads in the district are blocked, with the snow-plow broken down in the remotest corner of the county. No school buses have been able to get through and school has been closed several days.

At last Grassland has a district nurse. Miss Rose Anne Last has arrived from Edmonton and is now at the nurses' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Semaskewich are rceiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shank, Athabasca Pioneers, Celebrate 50th Anniversary

ATHABASCA — Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jedeon Shank of Athbasca, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here.

Mr. Shank was born Oct. 15, 1879, at St. Victor de Trienne, County Bousie, Quebec. In 1881 he emigrated with his parents to Red Lake Falls, Minn., where he spent his boyhood. On May 6, 1904, he arrived at Athabasca from Edmonton, a six-days trip by team.

Mrs. Shank is the former Rosanna Goulet, who was born Jan. 8, 1892, at North Battleford, and came to Athabasca in 1905.

In 1906 Mr. Shank filed on a homestead and first worked his land with a team of oxen. On Jan. 7, 1909 he married and the couple continued farming until 1945.

During his farming career Mr. Shank did much experimenting and after seven years of effort, in 1925, he produced and perfected a brand of potatoes, which he named the Shanks potato. It won him many prizes in fairs across the country and was used by several experimental farms.

In 1929 he won title of world's oat king and in 1931 the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce challenge cup for the best 10 acres of Garnet wheat. In 1932 he took first prize at the Royal Winter Fair for his sample of Reward wheat. Mr. Shank has won numerous prizes in provincial and district seed shows besides caring for many provincial experimental plots of grain.

He also assisted in building district roads and trails for the government in the early days and did some logging along the Athabasca river between Smith and Athabasca.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank retired in 1945 and reside in the town of Athabasca. They have raised 15 children of whom nine are living. They have 25 grandchildren.

The couple spent their anniversary quietly at home with family and friends and received many gifts and cards. Congratulations were received from Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Premier Manning.

Boyle

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartt and family left for McMurray last week.

The AYPA held its regular meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Alexander's home Jan. 14. Rev. and Mrs. Meakin of Colinton were present.

Gus Pederson transacted business in Meanook Jan. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lund were Athabasca visitors recently. Mr. Lund attended a district FUA meeting and Mrs. Lund visited her sister, Mrs. Hitz.

Arthur Raaflaub left for Rocky Mountain House on Jan. 18, where he was transferred from the Imperial Bank at Boyle.

The school bus routes were snowplowed last week, much to the relief of the bus drivers.

T. W. Pue of the Edmonton Sun was a visitor in Boyle Friday, Jan. 16.

Mrs. D. Joncas Named Librarian

The regular monthly meeting of the Lac la Biche WI was held at the home of Mrs. A. Mastaler, Jan. 20, with a goodly number of members present as well as several visitors.

In her remarks the president, Mrs. S. Hamar, thanked the Christmas party committee for the delightful evening they had arranged. The usual business was conducted and correspondence dealt with. Mrs. D. Joncas was appointed librarian as Mr. Ellis expects to be leaving. Hostesses and co-hostesses for the coming monthly meetings were arranged. Membership fees are now payable to Mrs. E. Woynarowich.

Following the business meeting two musical contests were enjoyed. The first one was won by Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Dotzenroth and the second by Mrs. Coast.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. E. Cunningham, served lunch.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Marchildon with Mrs. Vincent as co-hostess. It is expected that Mrs. William Dorish will show a film of their recent trip to Europe at this meeting.

Spruce Valley

Visitors in Spruce Valley over the weekend were: Lilly and Helen Wolak of Edmonton; Peter Homeniuk, Mike Kramer, William and Russel Mahaden, Mike Skawronik from their jobs with B. Zilinski's lumber camp.

Karl Zilinski has returned from a visit to Athabasca.

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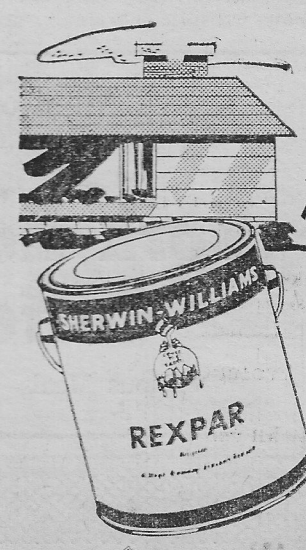

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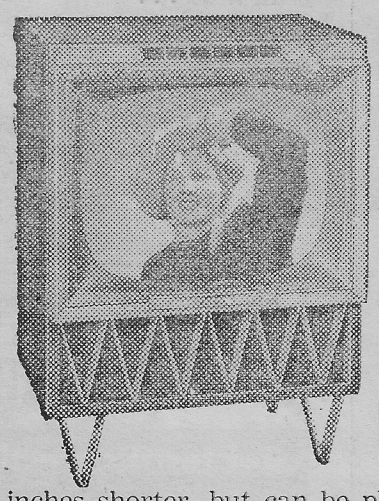
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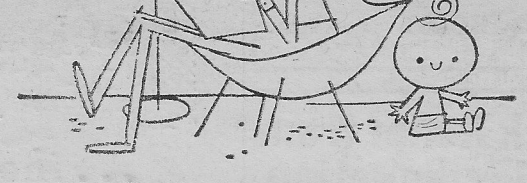
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Egg And Poultry Market Report

The egg and poultry market report for the week ending Jan. 26 shows producers realizing 30 cents on A extra large as well as A large. A medium and A small brought 20 and 18 respectively.

Retailers received 42 for AL, 32 for AM and 30 for AS, loose.

In cartons: AL 45, AM 35 and AS 33. The price to consumers for cartons was 45-48 for AL, 34-38 for AM and 33 for AS.

Live broiler poultry brought producers 20. Dress broilers paid A 23-25, B 18-20 and C 10. Chickens over 5 paid 30 A, 24 B and 14 C. Four to 5 pounders brought 24 A, 18 B and 12 C. Under 4 the price was 22 A, 15 B and 10 C.

Fowl paid 19 A, 15 B and C 10 for over 5; 16, 13 and 8 for 4-5; 14, 11 and 8 for under 4. Turkeys paid 30 A, 21-26 B and 15-18 C for under 18 and 28, 26 and 15-18 for over 18.

Surplus A Extra Large and A Large continue to be sold to the Stabilization Board. Attractive prices to consumers for Grade A Medium and A Small has now resulted in a shortage of these two grades. Price increases amounting to three cents per dozen went into effect on Grade A Medium and two cents on Grade A Small Size. All undergrades are clearing export to U.S.A. and to local breaking plants.

Poultry marketings are confined mainly to Broilers which are arriving in good supply. Poultry paying prices remain unchanged.

Pope John To Call 21st Ecumenical Council Of Roman Catholic Church

VATICAN CITY — Pope John XXIII will convoke a great assembly — the 21st ecumenical council in the 2,000-year history of the Roman Catholic Church — to seek unity of the Christian forces of the world.

Return to the fold of the Eastern Orthodox Church's 129,000,000 members was seen as a prime object of the conclave, but there are great obstacles to any formal reunification, particularly the Roman Catholic dogma that the Pope is supreme and infallible in matters of faith and morals.

Reaffirmation of the Church's stand against Communism may be another major subject of the ecumenical council, the first since 1870. Pope John already has expressed grave concern with the plight of Catholics in Communist China, where the Red regime has been trying to foster a national Catholic church that denies allegiance to Rome.

The council will bring together Roman Catholic cardinals, archbishops and bishops from all over the world in what may well be the most immense gathering in Christian history. More than 2,500 are eligible to attend.

Representatives of other Christian communities, in addition to Roman Catholics, are likely to be invited to attend.

Noral

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Grove, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gordey and Mr. and Mrs. John Palylyk, made a trip to Vilna to see George Gordey who is a patient in Vilna Hospital.

Mrs. Tom Boucher is ill in Lac la Biche Hospital.

Robert Hansen was a recent business visitor in Edmonton.

Harold Hansen has been released from Lac la Biche Hospital where he sepnt several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henson visited the Cliff Henson family for the weekend.

Metro Woychuk, Mr. and Mrs. Elof Anderson and Mrs. W. Woychuk were business visitors at Lac la Biche recently.

Robert Hansen and Metro Woychuk attended a hockey game between Hylo nad Plamondon at Hylo skating rink. Hylo took the game with a score of 8-5.

A good rule in life is to keep your mouth shut as much as possible, especially when you are in the midst of strangers.

Hylo Wins First Game On Home Ice

HYLO — A very exciting hockey game was played at Hylo on Sunday, Jan. 18. The Hylo team again defeated Plamondon, score being 5 to 9. This is the first time that hockey was played on the Hylo rink which had only recently been completed.

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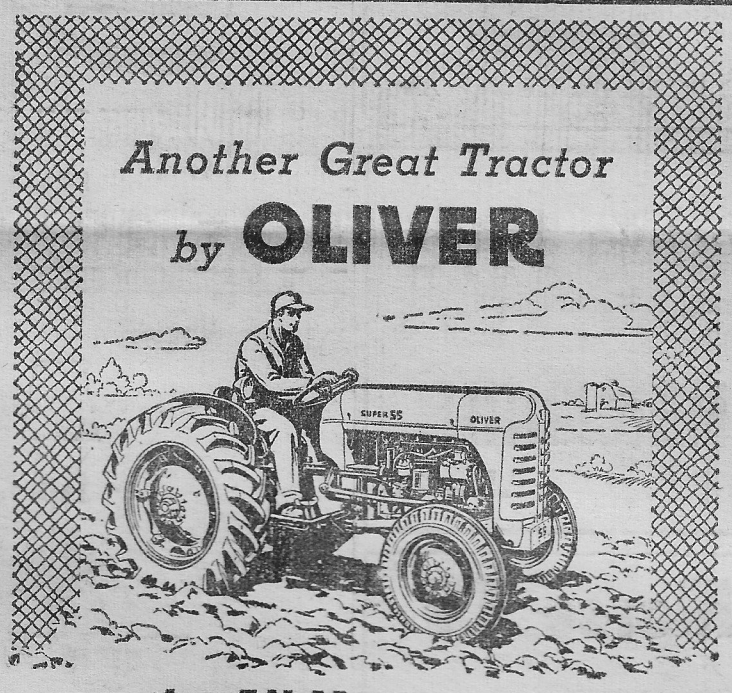

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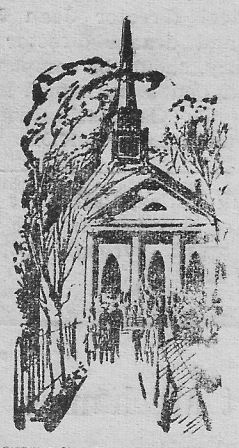

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 1 Rev. Henry Werner, West Indies Mission, will be speaking at Lac la Biche 10:30 a.m.; Hylo 2:30 p.m.; Lac la Biche 7:30 p.m. Rev. Werner will show colored slides of mission work in the West Indies.

Pastor, A. Daniel Goldsmith.

Charron

Peter Shapka made a business trip to Edmonton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Gauthier are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Deborah.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Semeskawich of Spruce Valley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Semeskawich.

District residents attended the birthday party held in honor of Mrs. Ilnicki of Blue Jay.

Sandy Karpetz motored to Lac la Biche recently.

District residents are now enjoying the benefits of Calgary Power, made possible Jan. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Cassavant of Morinville and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schaub and daughters, Theresa and Dianna of Plamondon were recent guests of the Sandy Karpetz family.

Brian Shapka celebrated his 6th birthday with a party Jan. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ilnicki of Atmore were recent guests at the Joe Semeskawich home.

Craig St. Jean is a patient at the Lac la Biche Hospital.

Andre Ulliac is employed near Egg Lake.

Helping others in the battle of life is just as heroic as rescuing the victims of misfortune.

McRae

George Littlechilds was home for Christmas and then returned to Edgewater, B.C. with Mr. and Mrs. George King, who were visiting McRae. Claudia Littlechilds was also here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Littlechilds, for the holidays.

Also visiting their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Littlechilds from Edmonton.

Washington Howse has come home for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Howse visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Littlechilds, also his brothers Joe and Walter. An old-timer from Millet, Ben Howse, visited Mr. and Mrs. Littlechilds.

A large number attended a show given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Littlechilds by Rev. Mr. Wilson from Whitehorse, Y.T.

Walter Thompson and his mother were recent visitors in McRae.

Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Littlechilds, has been ill in the Lac la Biche Hospital.

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If it's true that the next war will be fought in outer space, it's time we started putting some good substantial foxholes in orbit. — Sioux Center (Iowa) News.

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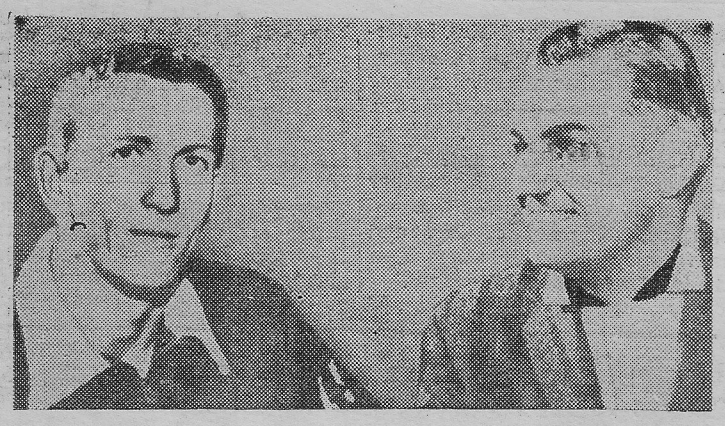

JOE MULLINS, left, is in a fighting mood over the recommendation of British Empire Games officials that he be suspended from the Canadian Amateur Athletic union. The suggestion is that he acted in a manner unbecoming to an athlete while competing in England, and Mullins is ready to testify before the AAU that the charges are unfounded. He is now at the University of Nebraska, where he is being trained by track coach Frank Sevigne.

Trouble In Tahiti In Canadian Debut

Trouble In Tahiti, a modern opera by Leonard Bernstein, was one of two productions on last week's program presented at the Jubilee Auditorium by the Alberta Opera Society.

Making its Canadian debut, the opera depicted a young modern American couple who have everything in life excepting inward happiness. Although the couple are no doubt in love after 10 years of marriage, the boredom that exists in their lives causes them to find relief by losing themselves in work, afternoon movies, the newspapers, the psychiatrist's office, and the gymnasium.

Bernstein's musical description of the typical American home substitutes golf with the neighbors instead of church on Sunday. This shows up in the young couple's actions after supper when they sit down together. Spiritually starved, unable to enjoy any kind of intellectual exchange they take the easy way out and in desperation satisfy a frustrated craving to "do something" by going to a movie.

Dorothy Harpell and Gerald Wilkinson were excellent in their roles as husband and wife.

Musical director Jean Letourneau and drama director Olivia Jewsbury, should be complemented on their double-bill which included Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana", a passion tragedy.—KDL.

Death Valley, Calif., has an average of only half an inch of rain from April through September each year.

Lacombe Firm Gets Contract

EDMONTON — Award of a contract covering crushed rock for use on the Trans-Canada Highway from Calgary to Banff Park boundary to Hopkins Construction Ltd., Lacombe, at a cost of $29,500, was announced Tuesday.

Crown Opposes Lawyers' Appeal

The Crown will oppose the appeal by two Calgary lawyers to have careless driving legislation declared outside provincial jurisdiction, H. J. Wilson, Alberta deputy Attorney-General said in Edmonton.

This is the first time the validity of the Vehicles and Highays Traffic Act has been raised he said.

The Supreme Court of Ontario has declared invalid careless driving legislation of that province.

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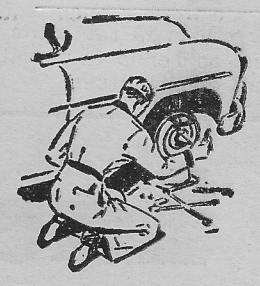

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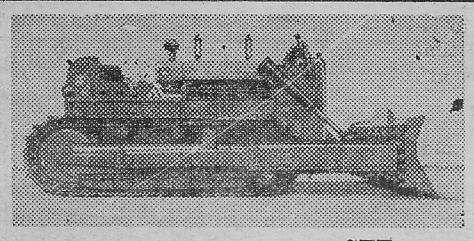

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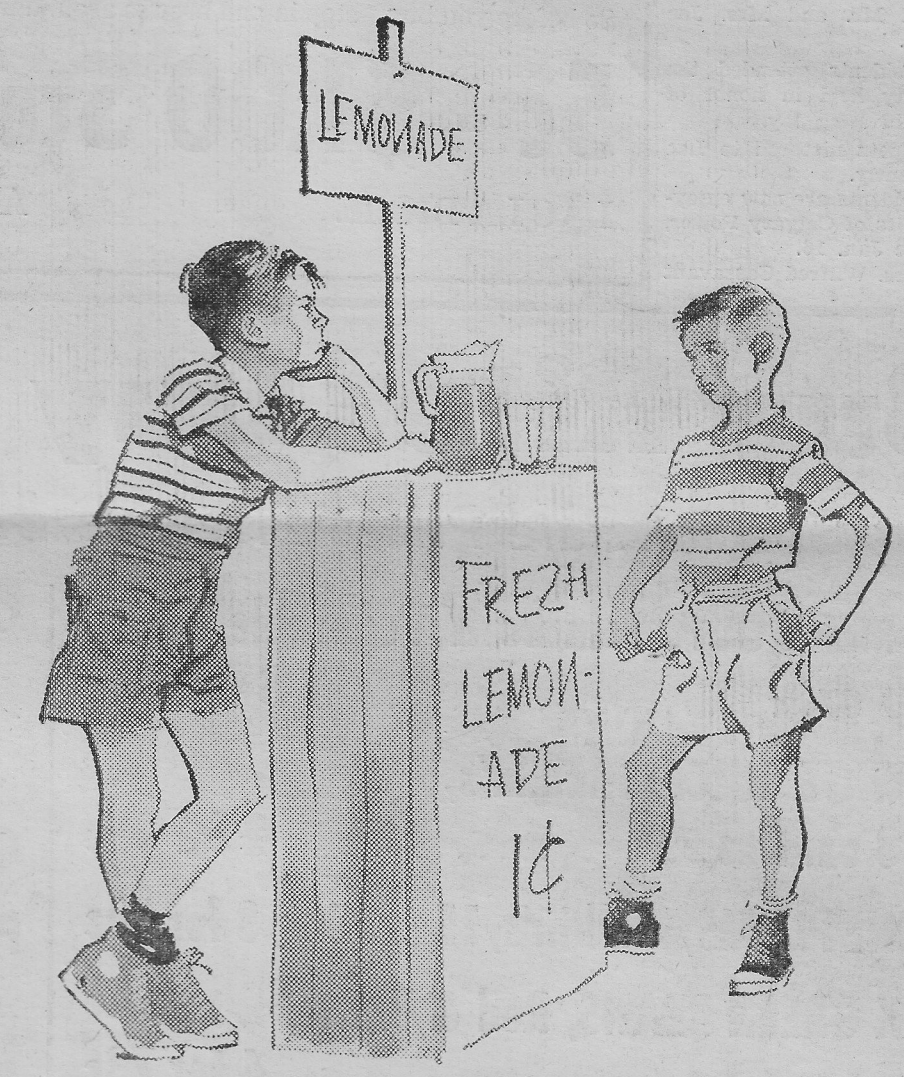

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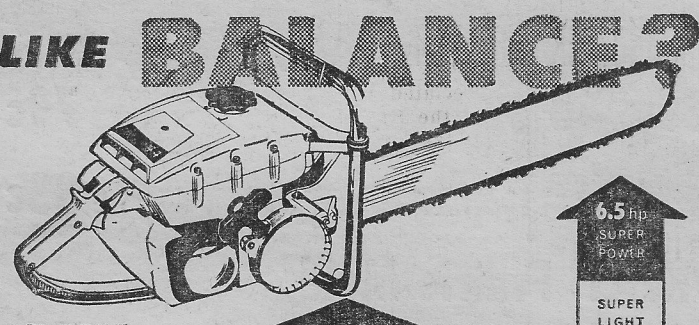

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Alberta District News In Brief

Derwent Couple Win Contest With Baby Girl Born January 20

When more than a dozen babies vie for the crown of first baby of the New Year in the city, it's little wonder that the editor of the Eagle Review became alarmed at no report from the Myrnam Municipal hospital.

Shortly after a questioning letter went out from Sun Publishing Co. Ltd. offices in Edmonton, a wire was received, heralding the good news.

Nearly three weeks after the contest began, but nonetheless unperturbed by her tardiness, Lucille Betty Trachuk weighed in on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8 lbs. 8½ oz. Time of arrival was set at 11:37 a.m.

The winner of the Myrnam first baby contest is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Trachuk of Derwent. Attending physician was Dr. S. Cholod with nurses Mrs. A. Cebryk, Miss M. Kerzog and Miss Ann Lynkowski.

Merchants in Myrnam who were particularly interested in who would win the contest announced in the Eagle Review are Marty's Garage, Zaborowski's Confectionery and Central Service Garage.

They've been sitting on pins and needles, counting off the days, wondering when and to whom they would offer their gifts for the family of Baby No. 1.

There's no excuse for Dad Trachuk in not showing off his second daughter to his friends. Central Service Garage has $5 worth of B.A. gasoline ready for his gas tank.

And helping little Lucille Betty Trachuk to a healthy start in life are Zaborowski's Confectionery who has a box of Pablum and an unbreakable nursing bottle to present her.

While Mom's changing the new arrival, Marty's Garage will be changing the oil in the Trachuk car. And to add to the celebration they're throwing in a grease job, too.

No doubt the Trachuk family appreciates the help given them at this time by these Myrnam merchants who awaited with keen interest the arrival of the first baby of the New Year, little Lucille Betty Trachuk of Derwent.

Ladies' Bonspiel February 7 - 8

Redwater Ladies' Curling Club will host district Northern Alberta Ladies at their annual bonspiel to be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8.

Invitations were sent out to clubs last month for the 32 rink 'spiel, however the response of 30 entries at time of going to press indicates that it may be possible to hold a bigger bonspiel. The ladies of the executive will meet this week to make a final decision on the matter.

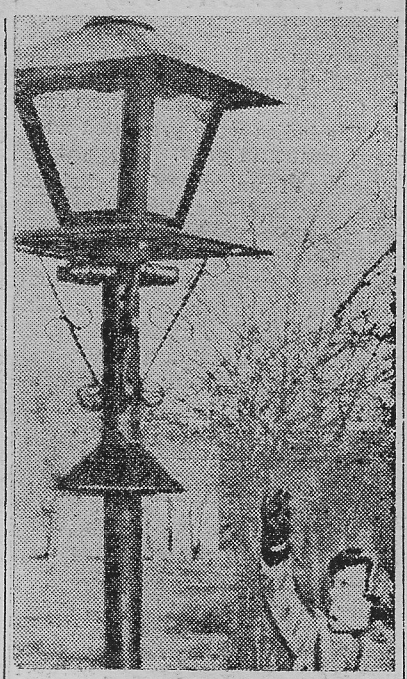
To date entries have been received from Edmonton, Thorhild, Bruderheim, Fort Saskatchewan, Devon and Redwater. Deadline has been set as February 4 and any proposed entries from the district should be sent to Mrs. Howard Devitt or phoned into Redwater 153.

Redwater District Enjoys Ice Fishing

Redwater and district residents have taken up the old sport of ice-fishing in a big way. One day they bucked the drifted country roads into Garner and Long Lakes to drop their lines for the catch.

No record catches were reported, however they all reported that some persons were dragging them in with such choice baits as salmon eggs, rubber worms, bologna, bacon and sardines.

Most important equipment for ice-fishing is a good ice axe, so reports state, as most lakes have extra heavy ice this year and a good tent to shield a person from the wind.



AN "AUTOMAT" for wild birds is this feeder at Terra Cotta conservation park on the Credit river, southern Ontario. As many as 35 different species of birds find their particular food at the diner, which is designed to prevent cats, squirrels or other animals from interfering with their lunch. The diner, attracting hundreds of birds, is a mecca for bird watchers.

Chas. Ahlstrom Bags Big Moose in North

TWO HILLS — While on a hunting trip in the Grande Prairie district recently, Charles Ahlstrom of Two Hills, shot and killed a large bull moose. The animal's antlers measured 58½ ins. It was one of the biggest ever seen in the district. The animal's carcass was later condemned for TB.

Other members of the hunting party were: Steve Rosko and A. W. Lank of Warwick; and Leslie Dahl of Grande Prairie.

The men spoke highly of the Grande Prairie country and all expressed their desire to return again soon for a further visit and hunting trip.

VEGREVILLE WEST REA ADOPTS ALTA. POWER COMMISSION PLAN

The board of directors of the Vegreville West Rural Electric Association recently voted to adopt a plan put forth by the Alberta power commission wherein any farmer within the boundaries of this REA may obtain power at a share cost of $1100 plus additional charge of $75.00 to cover brushing deposit, administration, etc.

Under this area coverage plan the Alberta Power Commission has offered to make up any shortages in the actual cost of construction with interest free loan which would have to be repaid only if and when a surplus accrued out of construction.

It will no longer be necessary for the association to set a distance limit as the plan covers all the farmers within its boundaries regardless of distance from presently existing powerline. Also, it will no longer be necessary for the association to bring down an estimate on the cost of construction as this cost may now be over $1100 without affecting the position of the original members.

Farmers within the Vegreville West REA boundaries can now obtain power by making a payment of $175 in cash and the balance of $1000 in ten equal annual payments of $100 per annum with interest at the rate of three and one-half percent.

The price of $1100 per share cost was established after the Alberta Power Commission completed a survey of the entire Vegreville west area. Mr. J. G. McGregor, chairman of the APC stated that it may be necessary to revise this figure from time to time in order to offset fluctuations in construction costs. He could give the association no guarantee how long the present figure would hold but assured the board of directors that at no time could it go below the average share cost of the original members.

Asked what he thought of the area coverage plan, William Dascavich, president of the Vegreville West REA made the following statement.

"I feel that it is a good thing for everyone concerned, and particularly for those farmers who are not presently electrified. They will have an advantage that would have been greatly appreciated by the original members of the REA.

"It will be a relief for the board of directors not to have to be concerned with distance limits as well as the relationship of share cost to actual construction costs."

At their meeting the board of directors also voted to distribute a $2730 surplus to its 78 members on a pro-rated basis. This meant a $35 rebate to each member presently in the association, bringing the share cost down from $1100 to $1065.

A decision was also reached wherein the association would act on a recommendation from the Alberta Power Commission to refund moneys collected from individual contract holders to bring their share cost in line with that of the association members in accordance with paragraphs "a" and "b", section "23" of the individual contract. The APC felt that these individuals should be absorbed by their respective associations at the price of their actual cost of construction in order that the necessity of keeping separate deposit reserve and maintenance records could be eliminated.

Letter Urges "Support Your Paper"

Dear Sir:

I hope that I was not alone in feeling keenly disappointed at the lack of local news in last week's issue of the Mundare Mirror.

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We cannot expect the local editor to fill four pages of fine newsprint even if he devoted 8 hours a day six days a week. If we are to have local news then we must call upon ourselves to contribute it.

If each social, business, service, charitable, sports, public, religious, educational organization could find one member who is prepared to devout a little time each week to report on news in his or her organization, we would have a wonderful paper.

Or have YOU been selected to make reports for your organization but are shirking your responsibility because your grammar is horrible and your writing poor? No need to worry! Just do your best and hand it to the local editor who will forward it to the publisher. By the time the staff writer gets through with it you will hardly believe you wrote it in the first place!

Come on folks! Let's get Mundare out of the rut and put it on the map . . . it will give us all a lift!

Long live the Mundare Mirror!

—Mundare Resident.

Plan Course in Welding For Waskatenau Farmers

The regular meeting of the Waskatenau FUA Local 418 was held in the Waskatenau Co-op hall, Jan. 5, with an attendance of 11 senior and four junior members present. This attendance increase shows that the farmers in this district are beginning to show interest in their public and local affairs.

The meeting heard the delegate's report of the annual FUA convention held in December. Victor Zinyk was local delegate and gave an excellent report on the FUA organization's progress.

The meeting passed a motion that the local hold a basket social and bingo, Feb. 6, in the Waskatenau theatre. All members will be notified of this social evening, and with their notification will receive their FUA membership cards. Everyone is invited to attend, whether an FUA member or not. and ladies are requested to bring baskets. With the co-operation of the members this social evening will be a success.

A welding course will be held in Waskatenau in March. Posters will be posted giving the exact date of the welding course, agricultural short course and seed fair. All who are interested in welding are requested to get in touch with the district agriculturist, Mr. Strashok, as soon as possible.

Horse Killed In Highway Accident

A near tragedy for three Vilna boys, Peter Poburan, Teddy Chmilar and Freddie Pidherny occurred near Smoky Lake.

The three, in Poburan's car, were returning from Smoky Lake when, about three miles out of town, a horse crossed the road in the fog and was killed. The boys were taken back to the Smoky Lake hospital where Dr. Lobay treated them.

The accident was reported to the Smoky Lake RCMP.

Lucas Spots Broken Rail, Saves Train

VILNA — Quick thinking of Bert Lucas prevented a possible derailment on the CNR.

He was on his way up town when he spoted a broken rail and reported it to the agent.

The foreman was notified and stopped the dayliner and a freight train in time. The section men replaced the rail and the trains went by again.

RCAC Cadets At Mundare

For a number of years RCAC squadrons have been stationed at Mundare. This year Squadron 341 includes 31 cadets in different ranks.

These cadets meet each Friday at 19:00 hours in the Mundare High school auditorium.

The flight-lieutenant of the squadron is Harry Babey and the flight commander F/S Zeleny.

Eight boys from Squadron 341 visited the summer camp at Sea Island, Vancouver, in 1958. Cpl. Sackkiw and LAC. Kucheraway wrote NCO courses. All were successful and were promoted to the next rank.

A number of cadets from Mundare won crests for volleyball and tug-of-war.

Drill For Gas On Farm West Of Town

MUNDARE — A natural gas well is being drilled on the John N. Hewko farm, five miles west of town. The Husky Oil Company are in charge of drilling operations and they expect to drill to about 4,000 feet in hopes of striking natural gas. Should the operations prove a success then the farmers of the district will be able to have gas in their homes.

Beef Club Plans An Amateur Night

The regular meeting of the Thorhild 4-H Beef Club was held in the school Jan. 9, with Victor Ewasiew acting as chairman.

Roll call was answered with "a pet expression." The business of the evening included a plan for a thematic display to be held in Thorhild in February. As Wayne Lamble's idea for a display was accepted, he was elected junior leader to construct the display, which will be entered at the Edmonton Exhibition.

Louis Howell moved that the club hold its annual amateur night on Friday, Feb. 20. The newly-formed Clothing Club will be given the opportunity of serving lunch during the event so that it can raise funds to start. Prizes will be offered to participants in the program.

The club members heard an interesting talk on "Careers in Agriculture" given by Vic Janson from the department of agriculture. Following Mr. Janson's lecture, Joe Ewasiew gave a talk on Bloat in Cattle.

Fred Strashok, DA, expressed thanks to Mr. Janson for being present.

Hylo Children See Films On Canada

HYLO — Three films from the National Film Board were shown in the Hylo school Jan. 21.

The one entitled "Industrial Canada" was a coast-to-coast review of Canadian Industry showing how, in the short span of 50 years, Canada has become a major industrial nation, all the way from agriculture to manufacturing.

"The Changing Forest" revealed the development of a forest area of the type found along the southern fringes of the Laurentian Shield and showed the forest as an integrated community of plants and animals balanced by conflict as well as harmony in the never ending struggle for survival.

"Chemical Conquest" showed intricate laboratory experiments at a government research station which examines the many questions that still need to be answered. It also reported on how chemical research helps the farmer in his constant battle against the insects, weeds and plant diseases which forever plague and threaten his crops.

Plamondon

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lemay made a trip to Boyle to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marnier.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lemay and family visited at the home of Mr. Lemay's parents.

Philip Lemay has left to work at Peace River.

William Gauthier has purchased the Phil Cadieux farm.

Harvey Gervais has returned to Yellowknife by plane after spending his holidays around this district.

Many of the local boys have left for Fort Assiniboine to work. Amongst these are Joe Plamondon and son, Conrad, Napoleon Gagnon and son, Jean Marie, Paul Bourassa, George and Octave Chevigny, Andre and William Cyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Phenauf of Winnipeg are visiting around the district.

Mrs. Isabell Plamondon is a pation in an Edmonton hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cadieux and family have moved to a house in town while awaiting the building of their new home.

Coming Events

A dance will be held in the Wandering River Hall on Jan. 30, sponsored by the Wandering River Students' Union. Music by the Normandeau Orchestra.

An amateur hour will be held in the Wandering River Hall Feb. 6 at 8:00 p.m., sponsored by the Wandering River Girls' 4-H Sewing Circle.

The Plamondon Savings and Credit Union will hold its annual meeting in the Plamondon Parish Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 8:30 p.m. There will be guest speakers, a show and free lunch. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your friends.

Double Birthday Party At Blue Jay

BLUE JAY — A double birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Mike Ilnicki and her daughter, Mrs. Joe Chipchura of Newbrook, on Jan. 16. The ladies were presented with many beautiful gifts.

Guests from out-of-the-district were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chipchura and family of Newbrook; Johnny Murowchuk, Grassland; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Strayski and Frank Roskewich of Wandering River; Mr. and Mrs. Albin Stupak, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dowhaniuk and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timoschuk of Plamondon Bay. Residents of Charron also were present.

Gourin

Harvey Gervais is back in Yellowknife after visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Alvy Gauthier is back home after being hospitalized for a few days.

Many friends and relatives gathered at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ulliac.

After a hockey injury on the mouth, Roger Duperron is being kept away from school for a few days.

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Govt. Does Well In Gas Sales

The Alberta government Tuesday received $544,536 in a sale of six natural gas licences in southeastern and northwestern parts of the province.

The largest price was paid by Colorado Oil and Gas and Imperial Oil Company, who gave $185,266 for a licence covering 40,000 acres near the Sturgeon Lake oil field in northwestern Alberta.

Last week the government realized $7,810,792 following a major share of petroleum and natural gas leases and reservations on 55 parcels of land across the province.

Oil and gas leases in the Pembina area brought the largest amount of money for any one area. Seventeen parcels there, totalling 12,090 acres, were sold for $2,277,435.

The largest price paid for a lease on any single parcel was the $1,078,011 Atlantic Refining Company paid on 640 acres in the Virginia Hills area north of Whitecourt. Two other parcels in the same area, also of 640 acres each, brought $719,330 from the Skelly Oil Company and Sinclair Canada Oil Company and $247,000 from J. Ray McDermott and Company Incorporated.

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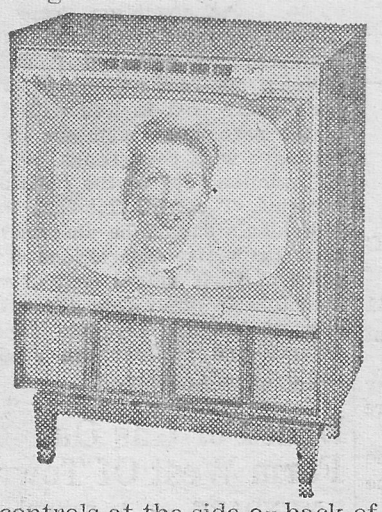

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